SUMMARY.

Presbyteries.	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
N. Brunswick & N. Scotia	3	3	7	15	11	9	141	6	90	.....	$ 133	$ 10	$ 15	$ 8	$ 5	$ 9	$ 4	$ 4	$ 4	$ 2	$ 4	$ 5	$ 3	$1,107	$ 258	$ 1,571
Iowa	9	8	35	28	58	55	839	31	910	134	1,255	194	613	337	207	294	68	61	342	393	92	38	38	4,507	3,091	11,530
Lakes	8	7	33	28	57	36	615	24	648	202	907	97	90	93	68	34	38	55	218	33	65	34	23	4,617	1,575	7,947
Kansas	16	16	73	55	62	76	1,439	44	1,407	320	1,015	207	296	335	151	403	59	61	2,610	130	105	47	52	6,274	3,183	14,928
Pittsburgh	26	39	99	62	152	206	2,171	58	3,385	704	3,137	545	1,490	647	896	213	176	333	7,724	584	458	137	117	18,330	11,091	45,878
Illinois	9	8	46	36	28	43	861	11	885	184	595	132	83	124	133	64	29	46	176	68	61	23	28	3,520	1,739	6,821
Ohio	7	5	21	11	6	37	330	10	220	81	335	41	58	70	59	11	24	34	558	43	38	14	8	2,079	661	4,033
Colorado	4	4	10	12	20	25	241	7	147	45	234	40	56	29	30	16	13	19	286	64	17	15	14	1,649	1,276	3,758
Vermont	3	2	10	6	5	9	130	1	220	50	191	68	35	55	35	21	32	18	12	22	20	13	11	894	352	1,779
Philadelphia	4	9	20	13	28	52	660	14	524	135	1,679	144	309	119	100	104	54	38	238	130	43	43	29	6,155	5,385	14,570
Rochester	6	6	20	13	8	17	360	10	297	116	589	92	301	83	51	117	29	79	91	69	86	42	30	3,185	1,149	5,993
New York	15	17	62	58	118	117	1,795	67	1,654	465	7,747	1,030	609	567	228	128	386	870	1,726	435	91	45	84	18,276	13,495	45,677
Syrian Commission	3	.....	....		75	14	293	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	113	124	436	337	628	696	9,875	283	10,387	2,436	$17,817	$2,600	$3,955	$2,467	$1,963	1,414	$912	$1,578	$13,985	$1,973	$1,080	$456	$437	$70,593	$43,255	$164,485

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SESSION LXXI.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO, May 30, 1900.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met, pursuant to adjournment, in Cedarville, Ohio, on May 30, 1900, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. The meetings were held in the town hall which the Cedarville congregation had secured for the better accommodation of Synod.

The moderator, Rev. J. A. Black, delivered a discourse on the words, "Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach." Neh. 2: 17. He then constituted the court with prayer.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8.30 o'clock. Prayer by D. B. Willson.

THURSDAY, May 31.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and having been made up it is as follows:

Roll of Synod.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
	COLORADO PRESBYTERY.	
Denver,	T. H. Acheson,	J. B. Wylie.
Evans,	J. Milligan Wylie,	S. R. Faris.
Seattle,	P. J. McDonald,	

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
	ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.	
Bethel,	D. S. Faris,	R. J. Miller.
Bloomington,	R. M. Blackwood,	J. H. Curry.
Church Hill,	E. G. Elsey.*	
Oakdale,	J. C. French.*	
Old Bethel,	E. A. Crooks,	L. M. Patterson.
Princeton,	J. G. Reed,	A. L. McConahy.
St. Louis,	M. M. Pearce.†	
	Solomon Kingston.	
	M. A. Gault.	
	IOWA PRESBYTERY.	
Hopkinton,	Louis Meyer,	M. L. McGlade.*
Lake Reno,		J. L. Ewing.
Morning Sun,	C. D. Trumbull,	G. Cunningham.
Rehoboth,	J. A. Black,	J. B. Dodds.
Sharon,	T. P. Robb,	A. F. Carithers.
Vernon,	Isaiah Faris,	W. S. Turner.
	KANSAS PRESBYTERY.	
Beulah,	J. S. McGaw,†	Adam Glasgow.
Clarinda,	J. W. Dill,	J. B. Caskey.
Denison,	S. R. Wallace,	J. H. Braum.
Eskridge,	James McCune,†	
Hebron,	W. S. Fulton,	J. T. Sanderson.
Kansas City,	A. J. McFarland, Jr.,	
Long Branch,		J. J. Thompson.
Olathe,	G. A. Edgar,	G. R. Miller.
Sterling,	T. J. Allen,	
Superior,	S. J. Johnston,*†	E. W. Hosack.
Wahoo,		John Birnie.
Winchester,	D. A. Coulter,	D. Scott Faris.
	W. C. Paden.	
	H. P. McClurkin.	
	W. W. Carithers.*	
	J. Boggs Dodds.	
	G. R. McBurney.	
	LAKES PRESBYTERY.	
Belle Centre,		John Mitchell.
Bellefontaine,		S. W. McLean.
Cedar Lake,	C. McLeod Smith,	J. G. Judson.
Cedarville,	W. J. Sanderson,	D. S. Ervin.
Fair Grove,		John Morrow.

* Not present at the constitution of the Court.

† Ordained since last Meeting.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
LAKES PRESBYTERY—(CONTINUED.)		
Southfield,	Joseph McCracken,	William Hanna.
United Miami,	Ruther Hargrave,	T. C. Speer.
	T. C. Sproull.	
NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.		
Barnesville,	W. T. K. Thompson.	
St. John,	" "	
Cornwallis,	Thomas McFall.	
NEW YORK.		
Boston, First,	Samuel McNaugher.*	
Boston, Second,	J. M. Foster.	
Bovina,	T. M. Slater,	A. S. Gilchrist.
Brooklyn,	W. M. George,	J. W. Pritchard.
Cambridge,	S. G. Shaw,	David Dickson.
Coldenham,	Thomas Patton,	
Kortright,		G. G. McLaury.
New York, Second,	R. M. Sommerville,	S. K. McGuire.
New York, Third,	F. M. Foster,	R. J. Houston.
Walton,	R. C. Reed,*	P. R. Sanderson.
West Hebron,	T. A. McElwain.	
White Lake,	J. H. Pritchard.†	
	G. P. Raitt.	
OHIO PRESBYTERY.		
Jonathan's Creek,	J. C. Slater.	
Londonderry,	P. H. Wylie.	
Muskingum & Tomica,		John Robinson.
New Concord,	A. A. Samson,	Thomas Stewart.
Utica,	J. S. Thompson,	R. A. Adams.
PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.		
Philadelphia, First,	T. P. Stevenson,	William Anderson.
Philadelphia, Second,	J. C. McFeeters.	
Philadelphia, Third,	R. C. Montgomery,	Daniel Adams.
	N. R. Johnston.	
	Fergus Slater.	
PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.		
Allegheny,	W. J. Coleman,	S. M. Orr.
Beaver Falls,		William Pearce.
Central Allegheny,	J. W. Sproull,	John Aiken.
College Hill,	R. H. Martin,	R. M. Downie.

* Not present at the constitution of the Court.

† Ordained since last Meeting.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
	PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY—(CONTINUED).	
East End,	D. C. Martin,	
Geneva,	H. G. Foster,	George W. Walker.
Little Beaver,	J. Renwick Wylie,	J. A. Forsythe.
McKeesport and Monongahela,	B. M. Sharp,	
Mercer and Adamsville,	W. J. McKnight,	
Miller's Run,	S. G. Conner,	
New Alexandria,	R. J. Gault,	J. R. Steele.
New Castle,	J. S. Martin,	Robert Speer.
North Union,	F. M. Willson,	A. A. Dickey.
Oil Creek,	S. J. Crowe.	
Pine Creek,	A. Kilpatrick.	
Union,	" "	S. O. Sterrett.
Parnassus,	J. S. Duncan.	
Pittsburg,		W. F. Willson.
Slippery Rock,	J. R. Latimer.	
Wilkinsburg,	R. C. Wylie.	
Youngstown,		Thomas H. Rambo.
	J. F. Crozier.*	
	J. C. K. Faris.	
	H. H. George.	
	R. J. George.	
	W. P. Johnston.*	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	R. J. McIsaac.	
	D. B. Willson.	
	E. M. Coleman.	
	ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.	
Almonte,		J. T. Bowes.
Lochiel,	Charles Clyde.	
Sterling,		Hugh Dugan.
Syracuse,	G. M. Robb.	
York,	J. B. Gilmore,	R. J. Cullings.
	J. M. Faris.	
	William McFarland.	
	P. P. Boyd.	
	VERMONT PRESBYTERY.	
Barnet,	D. C. Faris.	
Craftsbury,	J. C. Taylor.	

Ministers Absent:—J. M. Armour, James Patton, W. C. Allen, R. A. Paden, J. R. W. Stevenson, S. M. Stevenson, J. M. Littlejohn,

* Not present at the constitution of the Court.

J. Ralston Wylie, J. W. F. Carlisle, T. A. Rusk, J. R. Thompson, R. B. Cannon, W. M. Hunter, A. W. Johnston, E. F. Sherman, R. C. Allen, J. R. Baird, John Galbraith, George Kennedy, J. L. McCartney, David McAllister, J. J. McClurkin, J. L. Pinkerton, D. J. Shaw.

Ministers Excused: — Elmer McBurney, A. I. Robb, C. A. Dodds, R. J Dodds, Henry Easson, J. S. Stewart.

Names Removed from Roll: — By death, Robert M. Stewart, J. C. Smith. By withdrawal, T. M. Carlisle, W. M. Glasgow, T. H. Walker.

Congregations not Represented: — La Junta, Selma Staunton, Chicago, Hickory Grove, Washington, Holmwood, Quinter, Tabor, Topeka, Cincinnati, First Newburgh, Second Newburgh, Fourth New York, Mansfield, North Salem, Baltimore, Bear Run and Mahoning, Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburg, Middletown, Salem, Rehoboth, (Pa.), Lisbon, Ryegate.

F. M. Foster was elected Moderator, S. G. Shaw, Clerk, and T. C. Sproull, Assistant Clerk.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. Amended and adopted and is as follows :

Order of Business.

Your Committee on the Order of Business respectfully report the following:

Wednesday, May 30, 7.30 P. M.—Sermon by the Moderator. Constitution of the Court.

Thursday, May 31, 8.30 A. M —Reports on : Order of Business, J. W. Dill, Chairman. Devotional Exercises, J. W. F. Carlisle, Chairman. Unfinished Business, F. M. Foster, Chairman.

Thursday, 1.30 P. M.—Reports of Committees on : Psalmody, R. C. Wylie, Chairman. Sabbath. D. H. Coulter, Chairman. Temperance, T. C. Sproull, Chairman. Secret Societies, W. J. Coleman, Chairman.

Friday, June 1, 8.30 A. M.—Reports of Boards: Synod's Board of Trustees, D. Chestnut, Secretary. Superintendents of Theological Seminary, J. W. Sproull, Secretary. Sustentation and Church Erection, F. M. Foster, Secretary. Foreign Missions, R. M. Sommerville, Corresponding Secretary.

Friday, 1.30 P. M.—Reports: Missionary Conference. Reports of Presbyteries. Synod's Treasurer. Central Board of Missions, J. W. Sproull, Chairman. Evangelistic Work, T. H. Acheson, Chairman.

Saturday, June 2, 8.30 A. M.—Reports: National Reform, H. H. George, Chairman. Testimony Bearing, W. J. Coleman, Chairman. Corporators of Geneva College, R. J. George, Secretary. Trustees of Geneva College, A. Kilpatrick, President.

Monday, June 4, 8.30 A. M.—Reports on: Systematic Beneficence, R. M. Sommerville, Chairman. Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, J. W. Sproull, Chairman. Signs of the Times, C. D. Trumbull, Chairman.

Monday, 1.30 P. M.—Reports on: Finance. Discipline.

Tuesday, June 5, 8.30 A. M.—Reports of Committees on: Theological Seminary and Education. Foreign Missions. Home Missions. Traveling Fund.

Tuesday, 1.30 P. M.—Reports of Committees on: Sustentation and Church Erection. Records of Presbyteries. Supplies. Foreign Correspondence. Presbyterial and Statistical Reports.

J. W. Dill,
G. M. Robb,
Chas. Clyde,
W. B. Keys,
Thomas Orr,
} *Committee.*

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Dr. J. F. Morton and Rev. F. O. Ross, of Cedarville.

T. H. Acheson and J. B. Gilmore were elected reporters.

Roll of Ministers not present at last meeting was called.

The death of Robert M. Stewart was announced. Voted that a committee be appointed to submit a suitable minute.

The death of J. C. Smith was announced. The same action was taken.

The death of Elder John Hunter was announced. Same action.

It was resolved that a memorial service be held when these three committees report.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Devotional Exercises.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

We recommend that the last half hour of this session and hereafter the first half hour after roll-call of each morning session be set apart for prayer, praise and devotion, and that the following themes be considered and leaders appointed:

Thursday, May 31.—"Humble Confession." Prayer that the heart of each member of this Court may be so emptied of sin and self, that the Holy Spirit may dwell with us and direct all our utterances and deliverances. Psalm 106: 6; Daniel 9: 5–19; I Jno. 1: 8; Isaiah 28: 5, 6.

To preside. Rev. R. J. George.

Friday, June 1.—"Our Church Covenants." Prayer that our people may rightly know the place and value of these instruments in the church's life, and that in these times of peril, the ministry may faithfully defend the whole system of truth. Psalm 78: 1–8; Isaiah 8: 16, 20; Eccles. 5: 4, 6.

To preside, Rev. Charles Clyde.

Saturday, June 2.—"The Discipline of God's House." Prayer that officers in the Church may guard the interests of the flock, and that Courts may exercise their authority in the fear of God. Acts 20: 28; II Tim. 3: 1–5; I Cor. 5: 4, 5.

To preside, Elder S. O. Sterrett.

Monday, June 4.—"Mission Work." Prayer for home and foreign mission boards, workers and converts; for the success of the Gospel against all enemies; and that men and means may be dedicated to the work of the world's evangelization. Matt. 9: 36–39; Jno. 4: 35; Acts 13: 1–3; Isaiah 60: 1–22.

To preside, Elder David Dickson.

Tuesday, June 5.—"Our Testimony." Prayer for grace to declare faithfully the whole counsel of God and that we may not grow weary of the cross of witness-bearing; for special blessings upon those specially called to the work before Christian churches, and that God will accompany His Truth with the Spirit's power. Acts 1: 8; Jude 3; Isaiah 59: 19.

To preside, Rev. M. A. Gault.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. Slater,
John F. W. Carlisle, } *Committee.*
H. G. Foster,

T. C. Sproull was elected precentor.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported. Received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1.—Clerk to issue 1000 copies of the Minutes of 1899. Minutes '99, p. 76.

Reported as follows:

Minutes of 1899.

The Clerk would respectfully report: That, according to Synod's direction, he issued One Thousand Copies of the minutes of Synod, Session LXX., at a total cost of Three Hundred Ten Dollars ($310.)

The Bill was cashed by Mr. Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of Literary Fund.

The Minutes were sold as per order of Synod, at thirty cents a copy, postage included; and Minutes of previous years at 15 cents a copy, as Synod directed.

Minutes of 1899:

Copies sold	838
" lost in mails	7
" to Stated Clerk	4
" to Railroads	2
" to Synod's Board	1
" on hand	148
Total	1000

928 copies at 30 cents each	$251 40	
Postage and wrappers 852 copies	32 90	
Total net income		$218 50
Minutes of 1896, two copies, 15 cents each	$ 30	
" of 1897, eight copies, 15 cents each	1 20	
" of 1898, twenty-seven copies, 15 cts. ea.	4 05	
" of 1898, one copy lost in mails	00	
	$5 55	
Postage on 38 copies	1 52	
Net income		$4 03
Total income from Minutes		$222 53

To Treasurer, Walter T. Miller:

July 20th, 1899	$111 00	
August 4th, 1899	50 00	
February 14th, 1900	35 00	
May 8th, 1900	26 53	
Total		$222 53
Expenditures	$310 00	
Receipts	222 53	
Deficit		$87 47

Deficit Minutes, 1896	$87 25	
" " 1897	88 97	
" " 1898	102 74	
" " 1899	87 47	
Total deficit in four years		$366 43

Copies on hand Minutes 1896	130
" " " 1897	142
" " " 1898	259
" " " 1899	148
Total number copies on hand	679

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Foster, *Clerk.*

Adopted.

Item 2.—Printed Minutes. Clerk reported as follows:

Printed Minutes, Corrections.

The printed Minutes, 1899, are correct except: Page 5, top line, strike out "Staunton"; page 33, 11th line from bottom, for "par-

ticles" read "pustules"; same page (33) 7th line from bottom, for "might" read "reigns"; page 57, after name A. J. McFarland, strike out "Sr."; same page (57), 13th line from bottom, read "E. I. Dewey"; page 78, line 16, read "Crowe"; page 85, line 12, to "New York" add "N. Y."; page 92, 23rd line from bottom, for "T. J. Robinson" read "J. T. Robinson"; to list of absentees, Synod 1899, add name H. P. McClurkin.

F. M. Foster, *Clerk.*

Item 3.—Committee on Religious Literature in School Books, J. M. Foster, Chairman. Minutes '98, p. 123; '99, p. 6. Reported no action. Committee discharged.

Item 4.—International Convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches, T. P. Stevenson Chairman. Minutes '98, p. 124. '99, p. 8. Laid on the table for the present

Item 5.—Committee to secure and to publish Minutes of the Reformed Presbyterian Church previous to 1833, J. S. Martin Chairman. Minutes '99, p. 8. Reported important documents in his hands. He was instructed to place these in the care of the Stated Clerk together with other similar papers that may be available. Committee discharged.

Item 6.—Mr. Walter T. Miller to print edition of Testimony. Minutes '98, p. 60. '99, p. 9 Attended to.

Item 7.—Delegates to Ecumenical Mission Conference: Andrew Alexander, R. M. Sommerville, T. P. Stevenson, Walter T. Miller, F. M Foster. Minutes '98, p. 35. Reported as follows:

Report of Delegates to Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions.

The undersigned, of those who were appointed by Synod to attend the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, report that they fulfilled the appointment. The Conference, in its numbers, in the value of its deliberations, and in the effects which are likely to follow from it, more than fulfilled the most sanguine expectations. From the first it based the whole work on the authority of the Divine Redeemer, and pointed to the Spirit of God as the only ultimate source of power and success.

The papers were carefully prepared, full of information touching the progress of the Gospel, and very suggestive as to the best methods of missionary work. In our opinion the discussion of the Relation of Missions and Governments, while admirable in many respects, was incomplete, lacking special enforcement of the central truth that Civil Government, as the ordinance of God, is under obligation to stand for national righteousness, and in its own sphere, but under the same principles as the Church, to seek the glory of God in the salvation of the world. The pivotal idea, however, in every address was the exaltation of Christ and the consequent duty of hastening on that day, when His will shall be recognized as the governing force in individual lives and in society. To this end missionary comity was insisted on that

there may be no unnecessary overlapping of work in foreign fields, and a more hearty co-operation of the several branches of the Church in missionary service.

The only drawback, from the view-point of our own denomination, was the use of an uninspired psalmody in the service of song. Under the leadership of Rev. F. M. Foster, pastor of the Third Congregation of New York, the Board of Foreign Missions united with other societies in a petition to the Programme Committee to have the psalms used exclusively in the worship of God. But, as Dr. Foster, who deserves great credit for his activity and zeal in the matter, did not report the action of the Committee to the Board, nor to its representatives on the General Committee of Arrangements, we are unable to name the reasons that were given for not acting favorably on the petition.

But even with this drawback the devotional hours were precious seasons of communion with God and springs of spiritual power. One of your delegates, at the request of the presiding officer took part in these exercises by opening one of the Sessions with prayer. He was also invited to address one of the sectional meetings on "The Relation of Boards and Societies to Denominational Bodies," and to speak on the last day of the Conference, but was shut out by a rigidly enforced time limit.

Miss Wylie too, of Syria, was invited to address the sectional meeting on Turkey in regard to our work among the Nusairiyeh, but was prevented in the same way. Her paper, however, has been asked for by Dr. Dwight, Chairman of the Publication Committee, and will probably appear in the Report of Proceedings.

The effects of this Conference will be felt for many years as the most impressive and most fruitful assembly in the interest of world-wide evangelization which the world has ever seen.

A. Alexander.
T. P. Stevenson.
Walter T. Miller.
Thomas E. Greacen.
R. M. Sommerville.

F. M. Foster submitted a personal report as follows:

Report of Delegate to Ecumenical Mission Conference.

The undersigned would respectfully report: That, having been appointed, by the Synod of 1898, a delegate to the Ecumenical Mission Conference to meet in New York April 21st, and to continue to May 1st, 1899, he begs the privilege of presenting a personal and individual report.

The Ecumenical Mission Conference was called into being by the Conference of Secretaries and members of Boards of Foreign Missions for the United States and Canada.

It was hoped that the question of the songs to be used in the devotional exercises of the Ecumenical meeting would be considered by this Conference of Boards. But the members of the Psalm singing

churches, and there were four of them represented there, did not, it would appear, move in the matter.

As the purity of worship vitally concerns the honor of Christ's Name, the highest interests of His church, and the great cause of Missions, your delegate did not deem it right to allow such important matter as a pure worship in the Great Ecumenical Mission Conference to fail through indifference, or through want of effort. Accordingly, in September, 1899, correspondence was opened with the Chairman of the Programme Committee, the Rev. Judson Smith, D.D., of Boston. He suggested that it would be proper to lay any request in the matter before the Programme Committee; and named the 19th of December as the time when the Committee would consider the question.

With all convenient speed, petitions, asking that the Psalms, and Psalms only, be used in the Ecumenical Mission Conference, were gathered: from the Foreign Board of the United Presbyterian Church; from the Foreign Board of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church; from the Foreign Board of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod); from the Foreign Board of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Synod). In addition, petitions were received from the Moderator and Clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church; from the Moderator and Clerk of the Assembly of Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church; from the Moderator and Clerk of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland; from the Moderator of the General Synod of Reformed Presbyterian Church; and from the Moderator and Clerk of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; all urging the use of the Psalms, and Psalms only, in the devotions of the Conference.

On December 19th, at an hour appointed, your delegate laid these petitions before the Programme Committee. The meeting was very cordial and pleasant, and to the reading of the petitions, one by one, the members gave earnest attention. A few cogent and concise reasons for the use of the Psalms were added. After answering a number of questions, and thanking the Committee for courtesy extended, your delegate withdrew.

On January 4th, 1900, the Programme Committee transmitted the following answer to petitions:

"*Resolved*, That this Committee, having duly considered the request, record its conviction that it does not come within its function to establish such a rule, and that proper regard for the feelings of all concerned requires that it should not attempt to legislate in the matter, leaving the Conference free to observe in its public services the usual custom which prevails in interdenominational gatherings."

In this answer, the Programme Committee, kindly, yet clearly, intimated that "hymns" would be used in the worship of the Conference.

Having pressed the claims of the Songs of Zion with such earnestness and such means as he could command, and believing, all things considered, that he owed, in the matter, a testimony to Jesus, your delegate did not take a seat in the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Foster.

Both reports were adopted.

Synod expressed approval of the efforts of the Committee to secure the use of the Psalms in the Conference.

Item 8.—Organization of Board of Control, C. D. Trumbull, Convener. Minutes '99, p. 30. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 9.—Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms, Supplementary Report, W. J. Coleman, Chairman. Minutes '99, p. 31. Reported as follows :

The Joint Revision of the Psalms.

Though it appeared a year ago that no effort made in the way of securing the joint revision of the Psalms was likely at that time to be successful, the activity of the chairman of the sub-committee appointed three years ago, the Rev. W. J. Dey, of the Canadian Church, resulted last March in a call for all the members of the joint committees to meet in New York on April 20th, 1900, where the representatives of three churches assembled at the time and place appointed. These churches were, the Canadian Presbyterian, the Reformed Presbyterian New School and our own. Although your Committee was discharged at last Synod, its members thought it best to attend the meeting and do what was possible to further the work in the confidence that the interest of our church in the project so clearly expressed at last Synod would approve of this course rather than that the Synod should be left without representation and appear unfavorable to the work.

The assembled committees considered it wise to begin work, and made substantial progress in the six days devoted to the revision. A committee was appointed to secure as far as possible the continuance in this work of those churches that had before taken favorable action, and also to secure the co-operation of other bodies who should be interested. It was decided that ten dollars be requested from each church represented to meet the expense of printing, postage, books. etc.

We therefore offer for the consideration of Synod the following recommendations :

1. That this Synod appoint a committee to co-operate in this revived work of revision.

2. That an appropriation of ten dollars be made for this work from the Literary Fund, the amount to be sent to the Treasurer, Dr. James D. Steele, 74 W. 103d Street, New York.

W. J. Coleman.
David McAllister.
D. B. Willson.
T. P. Stevenson.

Adopted.

On motion of D. B. Willson, W. J. Coleman, T. P. Stevenson and David McAllister were made the Committee called for in the first recommendation. The Committee were instructed to secure if practicable the co-operation of the Psalm-singing churches across the sea.

Item 10.—During the sessions of Synod 1900, conference of pastors and elders on the subject of evangelistic work. Minutes '99, p. 61. Attended to. Programme as published adopted.

Item 11.—Officers of the Court to memorialize the President of the United States to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks in the army canteen. J. A. Black. Minutes '99, p. 59. Attended to.

Item 12.—Clerk to draw an order on the Treasurer of the Literary Fund for $60.00, Synod's share of annual expense of Presbyterian Alliance. Attended to.

Item 13.—Delegate to Pan Presbyterian Council, W. J. Coleman, Chairman. Minutes '99, p. 109. Reported as follows:

Delegates to Pan Presbyterian Conference.

Your delegates attending the Seventh General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System would respectfully report that the Council met in New York Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 1899, and continued in session nine days.

The attendance of delegates was two hundred and fifty-six, mostly from the United States and the British Isles. The Elders of our delegation, Messrs. John Hunter and Thomas E. Greacen were unable to be present and our brethren across the sea were not represented.

The time of the Council was taken up with reading papers which were of a high order of excellence and which have since been published in book form. But little time was given to discussion. The tone of the Council was conservative, the highest regard being shown for the integrity of the Bible and for the fundamental doctrines of our faith as formulated by Augustine and Calvin. All through the sessions of the Council the inspired Psalms were used exclusively in worship and without the instrument.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Coleman.
J. C. McFeeters.

Adopted.

Item 14.—Committee of Arbitration, R. F. Boyd vs. P. P. Boyd, Lake Presbytery. Minutes '99, p. 109. Laid on the table for the present.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table for the present.

Papers were received and acted upon as follows:

Paper 1.—Report of Western Section of Alliance of Reformed Churches. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper 2.—Joint Revision of the Psalms. Referred to the Committee named under Item 9.

Paper 3.—Minutes of Syrian Commission. During the discussion of this paper the hour for devotional exercises arrived. R. J. George led the meeting.

The hours of Synod were fixed at from half-past eight to half-past eleven in the morning, and from half-past one to half-past four in the afternoon. Presbyteries received permission to sit during the sessions of Synod.

Recess was taken. Prayer by W. C. Paden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by P. H. Wylie. The roll was called. R. C. Reed, Crozier, Ervin, T. C. Sproull, Elsey and J. Boggs Dodds did not answer. Ervin and Sproull soon appeared.

The minutes of the session of last evening and this morning were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following:

Committees.

Nominations: Ministers, G. M. Robb, D. S. Faris, R. C. Montgomery; Elders, T. J. Bowes, William Pearce.

Foreign Missions: Ministers, R. J. George, C. D. Trumbull, Isaiah Faris; Elders, G. W. Walker, T. C. Speer.

Home Missions: Ministers, D. H. Coulter, N. R. Johnston, H. G. Foster; Elders, G. Cunningham, W. F. Willson.

Foreign Correspondence: Ministers, T. P. Stevenson, P. H. Wylie, J. S. McGaw; Elders, John Aikin, Wm. Hanna.

Sustentation and Church Erection: Ministers, D. C. Martin, T. H. Acheson, E. A. Crooks; Elders. Wm. Anderson, D. Scott Faris.

Theological Seminary and Education: Ministers, T. P. Robb, A. J. McFarland, Sr., W. J. McKnight; Elders, S. M. Orr, J. W. Pritchard.

Supplies: Ministers, H. H. George, Charles Clyde, Geo. A. Edgar; Elders, S. K. McGuire, L. M. Patterson.

Travelling Fund: C. D. Trumbull and the financial agent of each Presbytery.

Discipline: Ministers, D. B. Willson, D. C. Faris, J. C. McFeeters; Elders, Robt. Speer, J. B. Dodds.

Finance: Ministers, R. M. Sommerville, J. McCracken, A. Kilpatrick; Elders, R. J. Houston, D. S. Ervin.

Committees on Records of Presbyteries.

N. B. & N. S.: Ministers, J. C. Taylor, Fergus Slater, T. A. McElwain; Elders, David Dickson, E. W. Hosack.

Vermont: Ministers, Samuel McNaugher, J. S. Thompson, J. C. Faris; Elders, J. T. Sanderson, S. O. Sterrett.

New York: Ministers, R. M. Blackwood, J. F. Crozier, A. A. Samson; Elders, R. J. Miller, I. B. Caskey.

Rochester: Ministers, W. C. Paden, J. C. Slater, Solomon Kingston; Elders, G. R. Miller, S. W. McLean.

Philadelphia: Ministers, J. W. Dill, R. J. McIsaac, P. H. Wylie; Elders, J. H. Braum, J. J. Thompson.

Pittsburgh: Ministers, J. Boggs Dodds, Wm. McFarland, W. S. Fulton; Elders, Thos. Stewart, John Morrow.

Ohio: Ministers, S. J. Johnston, J. M. Wylie, F. Slater; Elder, H. G. Judson.

Lakes: Ministers, J. B. Gilmore, G. P. Raitt, R. H. Martin; Elders, A. C. Coulter, Hugh Dugan.

Illinois: Ministers, R. Hargrave, A. J. McFarland, Jr., J. H. Pritchard; Elders, T. H. Rambo, Wm. Hanna.

Iowa: Ministers, P. J. McDonald, E. A. Crooks, J. C. Slater; Elders, J. J. Thompson, L. M. Patterson.

Kansas: Ministers, R. J. Gault, W. J. Sanderson, F. M. Wilson; Elders, R. A. Adams, S. F. Dill.

Colorado: W. C. Paden, J. C. French, Louis Meyer: Elders, E. W. Hosack, J. B. Dodds.

Standing Committees.

Unfinished Business: S. G. Shaw, T. C. Sproull.

Order of Business: Ministers, D. McAllister, S. G. Conner, E. M. Coleman; Elders, Daniel Adams, R. J. Cullings.

Devotional Exercises: Ministers, R. C. Wylie, Louis Meyer, J. S. Duncan; Elders, John Mitchell, Adam Glasgow.

Evangelistic Work: Ministers, J. R. Latimer, B. M. Sharp, C. McLeod Smith; Elder, H. G. Judson.

Presbyterial Reports and Statistics: J. W. Sproull.

National Reform: Ministers, J. M. Foster, H. H. George, S. J. Crowe; Elders, A. L. McConahy, J. R. Steele.

Sabbath: Ministers, Thos. McFall, W. M. George, J. C. French; Elders, G. G. McLaury, J. H. Curry.

Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies: Ministers, T. M. Slater, W. T. K. Thompson, T. J. Allen; Elder, John Robinson.

Secret Societies: Ministers, J. M. Wylie, W. W. Carithers, J. S. Martin, Elders, W. S. Turner, S. R. Faris.

Signs of the Times: Ministers, J. S. Thompson, Solomon Kingston, W. S. Fulton; Elders, A. S. Gilchrist, John Birnie.

Systematic Beneficence: M. A. Gault, J. M. Faris, J. G. Reed; Elders, Hugh Dugan, D. Scott Faris.

Psalmody: Ministers, P. P. Boyd, Thos. Patton, G. R. McBurney; Elders, John Morrow, W. S. Turner.

Temperance: Ministers, J. A. Black, W. P. Johnston, S. R. Wallace; Elders, S. K. McGuire, A. F. Carithers.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Item 8 was taken from the table. The Board of Control reported.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 14 was taken from the table. Reported as follows:

Arbitration in Case of Boyd vs. Boyd.

Report of Arbitrators in the case of R. F. Boyd vs. Rev. P. P. Boyd. To the Synod of the R. P. Church to meet in Cedarville, Ohio, the following report is submitted:

The parties in the case met with the arbitrators and after consider-

able time had been spent in hearing both sides, the parties came to a mutual agreement, and signed the accompanying document; then destroyed all former papers in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HENDERSON,
O. L. SAMSON,
J. T. HENSLEIGH,
} *Committee.*

Before Committee of Arbitration.

Appointed by Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at its session at Mansfield, Ohio, May 31–June 6, 1899.

R. F. BOYD, *Complainant*,
vs. AGREEMENT.
P. P. BOYD, *Defendant*,

Whereas, a settlement has been effected between the parties to this proceeding, satisfactory to both, it is hereby mutually agreed that the Arbitration Committee before whom this proceeding was held shall report to the Synod that all the matters in dispute between the parties hereto in financial matters have been settled, and this cause is this day dismissed by mutual consent.

In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands this twentieth day of September, 1899.

R. F. BOYD, *Complainant.*
P. P. BOYD, *Defendant.*

Adopted.

Item 15.—Committee to prepare a Catechism on the Distinctive Principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, J. C. McFeeters, Chairman. Minutes '99, p. 39. Reported as follows:

Reformed Presbyterian Catechism.

The Committee would respectfully report we have not been able to make any substantial progress in this work. We desire to say also, that while such a catechism as has been contemplated by Synod is of great importance, yet in our judgment, it will not very probably be prepared in the most satisfactory manner, nor to the best purpose by a committee, but as it may come from one mind as the Holy Spirit may give guidance, and which may commend itself to the church. We therefore recommend that the Committeee be discharged.

J. C. MCFEETERS.
R. J. GEORGE.
C. D. TRUMBULL.
J. A. BLACK.

Adopted.

Item 16.—Officers of the two Mission Boards in reference to Chinese restriction. Minutes '99, p. 26. No action.

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was again laid on the table for the present.

Voted that a committee be appointed to write a letter of sympathy to Dr. McAllister who is detained from this meeting by illness.

Paper 4.—Report of Synod's Board of Trustees. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper 5.—Several reports from Walter T. Miller. Referred to the same committee.

Paper 6.—Report of Synod's Treasurer. Read and referred to the same committee.

Paper 7.—Petition from the Oakland Chinese Mission. Read and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. Received and taken up item by item for adoption. Item 1, Adopted. During the discussion of Item 2 the hour of adjournment arrived. The time was extended that action might be taken. The item was stricken out.

Adjourned with prayer by R. J. Houston.

FRIDAY, June 1.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod came to order at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. W. W. Carithers, D. S. Faris, Hanna, McGaw, Stewart, and J. B. Wylie failed to answer. All soon appeared except Carithers and McGaw.

Devotional exercises were held, Charles Clyde presiding.

The minutes of last session were read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Psalmody under discussion at adjournment last evening was recommitted.

The Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary reported. Referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

The Board of Church Erection reported. Referred to Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection and Committee on Finance.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. Referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Prof. W. R. McChesney, of Cedarville.

The Mission Conference reported. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Nominations submitted a partial report. Adopted and is as follows:

Committees.

On the death of Rev. J. C. Smith: D. S Faris, T. P. Stevenson, J. R. Latimer, Robert Speer, D. S. Ervin.

On the death of Rev. Robert Stewart: Thomas McFall, R. M. Sommerville, Thomas Patton, J. W. Pritchard. William Anderson.

On the death of Elder John Hunter: W. P. Johnston, W. J. McKnight, Solomon Kingston, Hugh Dugan, J. R. Steele.

To write a letter of Sympathy to Dr. McAllister: T. P. Stevenson, D. H. Coulter, S. R. Wallace, T. C. Speer, W. F. Willson.

Signed: G. M. Robb, D. S. Faris, R. C. Montgomery, T. J. Bowes.

The Committee on the Sabbath reported. Received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items adopted. Report adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on the Sabbath.

The divine appointment of the Sabbath immediately following the completion of the work of creation is proof of its universal and perpetual obligation and beneficency.

All history, sacred and profane, bears testimony to its high antiquity. There are indications in the Scriptures that its observance was not unknown to the patriarchs, to the antedeluvians, to the first generation following the creation; while historic records reaching back to the remotest past assure us that all the nations of antiquity, Assyrian, Babylonian, Egyptian, Greek, Phenician, Persian, Indian, German and others, were acquainted with the hebdomadal division of time, and ascribed a sacred character to the seventh day. Traces of it have also been detected among the aborigines of Africa and America. Its existence among nations so widely apart, both chronologically and geographically, can be accounted for only on the theory of its early universal observance in accordance with Divine appointment.

The decalogue presupposed its previous appointment, as it presupposed the existence from the beginning and perpetuation to the end, of every obligation that it sanctions. Great moral obligations are only made clearer, more specific and positive by the decalogue; but they would have been of permanent force without it.

The original Divine institutes are few; but all of them are of universal application and fundamentally important to the welfare of man; and none more so than the Sabbath. Marriage, government, and worship through sacrifice are of like antiquity, are equally of Divine origin, and also of universal and permanent obligation and value.

But none of these primary and essential ordinances is supported by so many clear and definite warrants, as is the Sabbath. It alone among these received the high sanction of Divine example, and was afterward made the subject of specific legislation when the law was formally given. Hence the rejection of none of these is so disastrous to man as is the rejection of the Sabbath.

The corruption of marriage fosters impurity; of government breeds injustice or anarchy; of worship leads to false religion or none. But the overthrow of the Sabbath tends to the speedy and ruinous lapse of all,—morals, religion and law.

The Sabbath being made when man was made, the history of its institution and purpose, and of the effects of its observance is in full harmony with our Lord's declaration that it was made for man. "And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." He declared it to be the special object of His favor. It was henceforth to be a day of blessing for his creation, and it was set apart for holy purposes.

It is of most beneficent design, being adapted to the wants of man physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually, socially and politically. "Innumerable facts and testimonies establish the beneficial influence of a seventh day's rest from toil upon the manual laborer,

the professional thinker, the social fabric, the body politic, in respect of health, wealth, strength, happiness. It is, however, chiefly man's elevation as a religious being at which it aims." It seeks to reinstate him in that purity from which he fell, and in every way to bless him and do him good.

The Divine Creator and Law-giver implanted in man's nature the ineradicable need of Sabbath rest, and wove the imperative necessity into the entire system of things for which he made him responsible.

He and his must rest, or suffer the penalty of outraged nature and violated law. By Sabbath desecration machinery is soon wrecked; beasts of burden are speedily exhausted; men prematurely succumb to nervous prostration and die; and the spiritual nature rapidly dwarfs and starves.

Yet with all the evidence of the Divine appointment of the Sabbath, of the world's need of Sabbath rest, of the blessings resulting from its observance, and of the evils following Sabbath desecration, it must be acknowledged with sorrow and alarm that the enemy has come in like a flood, rising higher, sweeping farther and with greater violence, and threatening the very existence of this blessed institution.

The policy adopted long ago by the National Government of carrying and distributing the mails on the Lord's day, with the vast enlargement and universal extension of this system to every part of the land, has been widely accepted as inviting to and justifying many other forms of Sabbath violation. The great railway system, with its enormous business, is generally operated seven days in the week; many large industrial establishments are conducted on the same plan; in the larger cities an increasing number of shops and stores are being opened; the powerful saloon interest with determined purpose makes it its day of special effort and profit; the great daily newspapers, with the fewest exceptions, by their Sunday editions, lend their tremendous force to make the general conspiracy against the Sabbath successful; the world devotes the day to the pursuit of pleasure or profit, and worst of all, multitudes of professing Christians by needless travel, secular toil, support and reading of secular newspapers and indulgence in worldly amusements grievously offend the Divine Author and Lord of the Sabbath, nullify the church's testimony, secularize religion, and furnish the great Sabbath-breaking corporations and journals with an oft-pleaded excuse for their nefarious course. But although the evils of Sabbath desecration appear to be increasing in many directions, yet we are not without evidence that the Spirit of the Lord is lifting up a standard against the enemy. It is pleasing to note the effective opposition raised in the British Isles against the Sunday newspaper, and other forms of Sabbath profanation. In our land higher ground is being taken, and a stronger testimony is being borne by the highest courts of some of the larger ecclesiastical bodies. The American Sabbath Union still continues its helpful work. We have reason also to believe and be thankful that our members generally are yet disposed as far as practicable to maintain a consistent course in Sabbath observance.

We recommend the following:

Resolved 1. That we abate not one jot or title of our testimony in favor of a holy Sabbath as against a holiday.

2. That we commend the work of the American Sabbath Union, the W. C. T. U., and other kindred associations in their labor for better Sabbath observance.

3. That we warn our people against giving any support, financially or otherwise, on the Lord's day, to any Sabbath breaking institution or corporation, and that they do nothing to interfere with their own sanctification on that blessed and holy day.

D. H. COULTER,
S. J. CROWE,
R. J. MCISAAC,
} *of the Committee.*

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. A. D. Maddox, of Cedarville.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. Received and taken up item by item for adoption. Items adopted. Report recommitted.

Committee on Secret Societies reported. Recommitted.

Recess was taken with prayer by M. A. Gault.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by J Renwick Wylie.

The roll was called. Acheson, W. W. Carithers, E M. Coleman, S. J. Johnston, W. P. Johnston, Smith, J. Milligan Wylie and Judson (by indisposition) did not answer. Acheson, Coleman, Smith and Wylie soon appeared.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Paper 17.—Memorial from Illinois Presbytery. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Paper 18.—Memorial from Kansas Presbytery concerning a new paper. Laid on the table.

Paper 19.—Complaint of J. M. Littlejohn. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The sermon of the Retiring Moderator was requested for publication.

At T. P. Stevenson's request the name of D. H. Coulter was substituted for his on the Committee to prepare a letter to Dr. McAllister.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Item 4 was taken up. Reported as follows:

Convention in 1901.

The Committee would respectfully report:

That having corresponded with all the ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Synods of Scotland and Ireland, concerning a convention to be held in America in the year 1901, and the prospect of them and their elders and people attending such a convention, we do not consider the information received, such as would encourage Synod

to decide upon holding the convention at the time designated. We therefore recommend that your Committee be discharged.

T. P. Stevenson,
J. C. McFeeters,
D. B. Willson,
R. C. Montgomery,
John W. Pritchard,
} *of the Committee.*

Adopted.

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole.

S. J. Crowe was appointed Moderator's Alternate to preach the opening sermon at next meeting.

The Railroad Clerk reported. Referred to the Committee on Traveling Fund.

The Central Board of Missions reported. Referred to the Committee on Finance and Home Missions.

Philadelphia Presbytery reported concerning Jewish mission work within their bounds. Referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Received and taken up item by item for adoption. Item 1. Adopted. Item 2. Amended by striking out. Report recommitted.

Paper 20.—Letter from the Synod of Scotland. Read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Reports of Presbyteries were called for. Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, New York, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Vermont reported. Referred to the proper committees.

W. P. Johnston and W. W. Carithers appeared and took their seats.

Resolutions concerning a new political organization recently formed in our land were submitted. Referred to a special committee.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. Received and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. During the discussion of Item 4 the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned with prayer by P. H. Wylie.

Saturday, June 2.

Synod came to order at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. Crooks, Crozier, H. G. Foster, J. G. Reed and Judson (by indisposition) were absent. Crooks, Crozier, Foster and Reed soon appeared.

Devotional exercises were held, S. O. Sterrett leading.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Lakes and Rochester Presbyteries reported. Referred to the proper committees.

Lakes Presbytery reported concerning Jewish misssion work within heir bounds. Referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following:

Committee on New Political Organization.

Joseph McCracken, P. H. Wylie, T. P. Robb, A. F. Carithers, S. M. Orr.

Paper 21.—Letter from the Synod of Ireland. Read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Board of Sustentation reported. Referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection be instructed to report as to the advisability of having all congregations that have pastors and receive assistance from the Home Mission Fund, receive hereafter assistance from the Board of Sustentation to which all settled congregations that need assistance should apply in the future.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. Referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

The Board of Trustees of Geneva College reported. Referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on National Reform reported. Received and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 were adopted. Item 4 was amended and adopted. An amendment to item 7 was offered. Laid on the table to await the report of the Financial Agent for National Reform.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. C. A. Hunter, of Osborne, O.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Concerning Expositions.

Resolved, That we, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, do earnestly memorialize the Congress of the United States and all State Legislatures to make no more appropriations for expositions in this country or other countries without the proviso that such exposition shall be closed on the Lord's Day.

Resolved, That Synod directs the officers of this court to place this memorial before Congress and Legislatures as occasion arises for thus memorializing.

Concerning the Postal Service.

Resolved. 1. That the officers of this Synod be appointed a committee to prepare a memorial to the next Congress asking, in the name of the Lord of the Sabbath the total abolition of all Sunday Mails," and mail trains, the closing on the Christian Sabbath of the Post-office Department at Washington as well as all post-offices in the United States, and the prohibition of all business and labor in the entire post-office department on the first day of the week. Said memorial shall be signed by the officers of Synod and presented in the name of Synod on behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Resolved. 2. That said official committee be instructed to go to

Washington early in the sessions of Congress to secure the presentation of the memorial and afterwards to have a hearing before the committee that may have in charge the memorial, it being understood that their expenses shall be provided for.

The Committee on Secret Societies on recommitted report reported an additional item, "Recommendation 6." Referred to the Committee on Secret Societies to report next year. Report adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Secret Societies.

The instinct of brotherhood is strong in human nature, and for this reason every man naturally seeks companionship. It is contrary to nature that any one should lead a solitary life, and to be alone for any length of time is for most men to be miserable.

As God has implanted this instinct of brotherhood in the human heart, he has also provided the right and proper means for its outworking and satisfaction. He setteth the solitary in families. The very name brother arises from the relation of those born of the same father and mother and reared in the same home. This is a close and dear relationship into which one is born and trained, and it is to last through life. It is a helpful and comforting relationship, a type of the nearness of Christ to His people. It is a strength in time of need, for a brother is born for adversity.

Then as all have descended from the first father and mother of mankind there is a broader relationship in which all men are brethren and, on the basis of this, we are to love all men, help all men in their need, deal fairly with all men. Are we not all brothers? This form of brotherhood has its particular field in patriotism and the duties and privileges that arise out of our relation to our country and to our countrymen. All these may be included under the head of the state which God hath implanted in human nature and made necessary among men.

There is still a higher field for the exercise of brotherhood. It is in the family of God into which His people are brought by the new birth, in which God is their Father, Christ their elder Brother, the Holy Spirit their constant Companion, and all saints are members of the household of faith. Here they are co-heirs with Christ and sharers with all their brethren in faith, hope and charity. This relationship crowns and will at last absorb all other forms and degrees of brotherhood.

But now there comes into the world of brotherhood that God made very good the perversion of sin. Secret societies lay hold of this natural instinct of brotherhood, strong and universal as it is, and turn aside this common tendency into channels of selfishness and exclusive privilege. The power of the natural instinct is seen in the number and widespread organization of these societies, and its perversion is seen in the motives that lead men to join them.

These societies are in general confined to cities, towns and villages, but the inhabitants of these comprise a majority of the whole popula-

tion, and it would seem, when we reflect that most of the members of these societies are men who represent families that one half of the urban population, or one quarter of the whole population of the country, is directly or indirectly concerned in secret societies.

This is a startling and a sad conclusion when we reflect that these organizations are perversions of a good instinct, are organized selfishness, are without warrant of Scripture and are therefore to be rooted up. This selfish and sinful character is seen in the motives that lead men to join such societies. As Jesus Christ said nothing in secret, this motive is not that of following Him. As God warns us to have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness, the motive for joining could not well be that of bringing forth fruit unto God. As he that doeth the truth cometh to the light; it is clear that these secret orders are not formed to carry out the truth. As Christians are all children of light and of the day, it is evident that those who choose to be children of darkness and of the night cannot be consistent Christians. As Christ commends the Samaritan who helped a man of another race and another religion, it cannot be His teaching that we should help a man of our own order at the expense of the rest of humanity. As Christ says, "What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light," He surely cannot be in sympathy with fearful oaths always to conceal and never reveal. It would seem then that no wise, good, holy, motive of obedience to God, or of faithful service to Christ and His people, could lead an intelligent, thoughtful man to join a secret order; or, if he were drawn into such an organization, such motives would lead him to leave it as soon as possible.

What then are the motives that in the main lead to this widespread perversion of the great principle of brotherhood? We have space but to name the chief: the desire for worldly companionship, the desire for special favors in business or professional life, the hope of cheap insurance, the possession of secrets that but few know, the hope of some morality or some mystery that will help at death, the hope of special favors in sickness or in time of danger, the expectation of pleasures that may be enjoyed under cover, military dress and parade without danger, honors at one's funeral, the expectation of political preferment, the desire for a combination that may influence legislation, belief that we can fight certain enemies better under cover than in the open. Men have been known to join the lodge with the purpose of using for Christ the influence so gained. This we regard as doing evil that good may come, and such men we know do the evil, but the good coming from this evil we have never seen. Such men either withdraw from the lodge or are corrupted by it.

As God has provided in the relationships of the family, the church and the state a field amply sufficient for the outworking and satisfaction of the instinct of brotherhood, and as all the energies of this principle are demanded by the duties of these relationships, we regard whatever is given to secret societies as being drawn from one or all of these divinely ordained institutions. By so much as secret societies are made strong, by so much are the family, church and state weakened. The prevalence and power of these societies is in the perversion of a principle implanted by the Lord but used by the Evil One.

We recommend :

1. That we testify to the world, and especially to our Christian brethren, that God who implanted the principle of brotherhood has given the family, church and state, to meet and satisfy this principle, and that these call for all the energies of which men are capable, and will satisfy all desires for proper companionship.

2. That Christians should make the church a home for all who will come in and show a marked kindness to every one, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

3. That as temptations to join secret societies are so common and persistent, our pastors be affectionately urged to show to the people in at least one special discourse each year the contradiction between the spirit and teaching of Christ and the character and tendency of these societies.

4. That we congratulate our people on the light we have received from God through our fathers on this subject and on the degree of freedom from temptation which the position of our Church secures to us.

5. That we unite our efforts, our contributions and our prayers, so far as we can consistently, with all those who are resisting the encroachments of organized secrecy, and who aim to let light shine into this empire of darkness.

W. J. Coleman.
J. McCracken,
Wm. C. Paden,
J. C. Robb.

The thanks of Synod were extended to the Special Agent of the Central Passenger Association for his kindness in vising certificates.

Adjourned at the noon hour to meet Monday morning. Prayer by N. R. Johnston.

Monday, June 4.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod came to order at the appointed hour and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. Daniel Adams, Braum, E. M. Coleman, French, Hosack, McBurney, McIsaac, Rambo, Samson and Robert Speer failed to answer. Coleman, French, McBurney, Samson and Speer soon appeared.

Devotional exercises were held, David Dickson leading.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following :

Arrangements for Memorial Service.

Your Committee would recommend,

1. That this service be given the first place at this afternoon session.

2. That the whole service do not exceed one-half hour and all speeches be limited to three minutes each. Adopted.

Invitations for next meeting were received from Bloomington, Pittsburg and Saratoga Springs. The invitation from Pittsburg was accepted. The time of meeting was fixed for Wednesday' May 29, 1901, at two o'clock P. M. The Mission Conference will be held at nine o'elock A. M. on the same day.

C. D. Trumbull, J. W. Pritchard and J. S. Martin were appointed Railroad Agents for next year.

Paper 22.—Reference to a new edition of Selections of Psalms. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to plan some action looking to the improvement of the Covenanter grave-yard near Chester, South Carolina.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod commends to the Christian generosity of her congregations and individual members, the appeal coming from India's starving, dying millions.

The Committee on Psalmody on recommitted report reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Psalmody.

While there is unity of purpose manifested in the composition of the books of the Bible, each book fills a place exclusively its own. Although there are similarities of contents, there are also differences which reveal a distinct aim. In the study of the Scriptures book by book devout Christians will seek to know that aim. Generally it can be readily discovered, and the discovery is a great gain in determining the practical use of each book. It is not difficult to determine the specific object in each of the five books of Moses. The aim in Joshua, Judges, and other historical books is quite clear. The prophets leave no room for speculation as to the specific purpose for which they prophesied and wrote. No great difficulty is experienced in determining the purpose in each of the four Gospels, the Acts and the Epistles.

But whatever room there may be for differences of opinion about the aim of any of these books, there is none as to the book of Psalms. It is agreed by Bible students that this book was written to praise God by exhibiting His perfections and mighty works. While this purpose runs through the whole Bible it reaches its climax in the Psalter.

The proper use to make of this book is no less clear. While all other books of the Bible were written to be read, the Psalter was written to be sung. This is evident from its name, the style of its composition, the dedication of many of its odes to the chief musician, the divine command, and the example of Old Testament worshippers, of Christ, and of the early Christian Church. Frequently the command is given to read the law, and it is said that the prophets were read every Sabbath. But the Psalms are spoken of as being sung. Among Orthodox Christians there is seldom a question as to the proper use of sixty-five of the books of the Bible. Whatever the excellences of uninspired prose writings no one pro-

poses that they share the honors of these sacred books. Men of learning and of spiritual power may properly employ their talents in writing books to aid in understanding the Scriptures, but such productions are not allowed to supplant the Scriptures, nor are they regarded as supplementary thereto. But while the purpose and use of the Psalter are as clear as the purpose and use of any other portion of Scripture, many Christians claim the privilege not only of writing and using other songs, but also of thrusting them into the place which God allotted to the Psalter. The result is that while the Psalter is not thereby thrust out of the Bible, it is thrust out of its place in the worship of God. By many churches it is no longer used as a Psalter, but is merely read as other books of the Bible are read. They doubtless believe in its inspiration, but they have discarded it as a manual of Praise, and have substituted for it Hymnals of human composition. In such Hymnals there may be selections from the inspired Psalter, but this only emphasizes the fact that as a Psalter it has been rejected.

The following churches belong to this class: All branches, in all lands, of the Adventists, the Baptists, the Christians, the Church of God, the Disciples of Christ, the Dunkards, the Evangelical Association, the Mennonites, the Methodists, the Moravians, the River Brethren, the Plymouth Brethren and the United Brethren; the Congregationalists in the United States; the Northern and Southern branches of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; Cumberland Presbyterians; the Reformed Church in America; the Reformed Church in the United States; Unitarians, Universalists, together with a number of smaller bodies and independent congregations not easily classified.

There is a second class which embraces all those which recognize and use the Psalter as a Psalter, but which use also uninspired hymns. To this class belong Episcopalians and Lutherans in all lands, the Presbyterians in Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland, the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, the Congregational Church in the British Isles, the Netherland Reformed Church in Holland and in South Africa, and the English speaking branch of the Christian Reformed Church in the United States. This last-mentioned body uses only fifty-two hymns, one for each Sabbath of the year. They are sung in connection with the expounding of the one fifty-second part of the Heidelberg Catechism which forms a part of the service each Sabbath. Other bodies which belong to this class are the Armenians, the Greeks, the Roman Catholics.

But there is a third class consisting of those which use the inspired Psalter as the exclusive Manual of Praise. They recognize the right to make and use devotional poetry as they recognize the right to make and use religious books in prose. But as the latter may not usurp the place of the Law, the Prophets, the Gospels, and the Epistles, so the former may not usurp the place of the Psalter. To this class belong the Associate, the Associate Reformed, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church in all branches and in all lands, the United Presbyterian Church of North America, together

with the missions in Egypt and India, the Reformed Church of the Netherlands, the Christian Reformed Church of Holland, the Old Reformed Church of Holland, the Dutch and German speaking branches of the Christian Reformed Church in America, the Conservative or Dopper branch of the Netherland Reformed Church in South Africa. But these various branches of the Reformed Church of Holland use about seven Spiritual Songs. With one exception these are metrical versions of such portions of Scripture as the Lord's Prayer and the Decalogue. That exception is the Apostles' Creed.

Taking this review of the attitude of the churches toward the Psalter as an aid in determining present duty, we recommend that stress be laid upon the following points:

1. That the divine purpose in the composition of the Psalter makes its continued use as a Psalter obligatory, and that this purpose is not answered by merely reading it, or by making and singing other songs in imitation of it. but by using it as the Manual of Praise.

2. That the substitution of uninspired songs for the Psalter in the worship of God is an offense of the same kind as the substitution of human productions in prose for any other book of the Bible.

3. That while the right to compose and sing uninspired poetry is the same as the right to compose and read uninspired prose, it is a right more easily and frequently abused, and should therefore be exercised with great caution lest we abate our testimony for a pure worship.

4. That by faithful testimony and consistent practice, by the improvement of our congregational singing, by co-operation with other Christians to secure a uniform version of the Psalms, and by all other laudable methods, we will seek to establish the Psalter as the sole Manual of Praise.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Wylie,
J. M. Foster,
D. C. Faris,
J. R. Magee,
Charles Dougall.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. Adopted, and is as follows:

Systematic Beneficence.

All that we have belongs to God. As redeemed men we are His purchased property, and a true sense of obligation will always lead to a voluntary surrender of ourselves to His service. This was the idea in the mind of President Edwards, when he said on one occasion: "I have this day been before God, and have given myself, all that I am and have to God; so that I am in no respect my own. I can challenge no right in myself—this under-

standing, this will, these affections. Neither have I a right to this body or any of its members; no right to this tongue, these hands, these feet, these eyes, these ears; I have given myself clean away." And this self-surrender is no more required of the Gospel minister in his study, than of the man of business among his bargains, or the farmer between the handles of his plow. When in the old Hebrew times the basket of first fruits was brought to the temple, the presentation speech of the officers closed with these words: "And now behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land, which Thou, O God, hast given me." In this service there was a significant recognition of God's unchanging claim, and the principle that it embodies is to govern our relations to property to-day.

This money that we use for present personal necessities and comforts, in the transaction of business, or to carry forward the work of God is not our own, but a sacred trust, and great care is necessary lest there should be a misappropriation of the funds entrusted to our administration. To this end beneficence should be systematic, which implies a careful calculation of our resources, a deliberate weighing of the comparative claims of different objects, and a reverential setting apart of a definite sum for distinctively religious purposes. If, as clearly indicated in Scripture, Christian giving is to be in exact proportion to our income—"as God has prospered us"—method is necessary that we may find out what is our own fair and just proportion.

No wiser rule can be laid down for our guidance in this matter than that of voluntary tithing. It has the sanction of divine authority. In the record of the Mosaic system it is simply stated that the tithe, whether of field produce or of the increase of flocks and herds, is the Lord's and should be offered to Him, (Lev. 27 ; 30), suggesting the inference that the law was not a specific enactment of that system. The two standard instances that it must have been in force at an earlier period are that of Abraham, four hundred and ten years before, giving tithes to Melchisedec, priest of the Most High God, in token of gratitude for special blessing, and that of Jacob, after the vision at Luz, promising a tenth of all that the Lord should give him. The substance of his vow is that the Lord should be his God, and then in proof of that conscious covenant relationship he pledges himself to observe with fidelity the inseparable duties of religious worship and religious offerings.

In every instance tithing was voluntary in the sense that, if a man did not bring his tithes to the storehouse voluntarily, there was no provision for forcing him to do so, the giving being a matter entirely between God and the individual soul; and yet every Israelite, "when he had made an end of tithing all the tithe of his increase" was expected to make a solemn declaration that he had not hoarded away in his own house nor misappropriated any of the hallowed portion that God claimed as His right (Deut. 26: 12.)

The question whether this system of beneficence is in force under the present dispensation is a very simple one. There was

nothing typical or ceremonial about its observance, but it was recognized as a moral duty, broad in principle and efficient in practice, and therefore of present and permanent obligation, as the law of the Sabbath which requires one day in seven to be set apart as holy to the Lord, is moral and consequently perpetual in its binding force.

Tithing was practiced in the early church long after the time of the Apostles. Augustine and others who lived in the fourth century were its earnest advocates, and although the system was observed in the Middle Ages, it passed into the churches of the Reformation. But soon owing to the abuses growing out of enforced tithing in the Mediæval Church, Protestants in many instances were driven to the extreme of voluntaryism, and giving on this principle ceased to be universally operative. To-day, however, men concerned with the practical economics of the church, are beginning to feel that a return to voluntary tithing, as the true financial scheme of Christianity, is requisite to secure funds for the support and spread of the Gospel. Certainly it is the only equitable plan of raising money for church purposes. The abilities of people differ and it is not the will of the Redeemer that one should be eased and another burdened. Tithing secures equality.

Nor should it be overlooked that this system of beneficence is interwoven not only with our spiritual but also with our temporal interests. A revelation of vital piety, it is at the same time the condition of worldly prosperity. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." In the keeping of His commandments there is great reward.

In addition to this tenth, required of every one, rich and poor alike, it is expected that men whom God has made the stewards of large possessions, will, as occasion requires, and in proof of loyalty to the Lord of all, lay large free-will offerings on His altar.

We recommend that the ministers of the church be urged to keep this timely truth before the minds of the people under their instruction, and also that literature on this subject be procured for all the congregations that the people may study the question for themselves, and know the will of God.

R. M. Sommerville,
D. B. Willson,
G. A. Edgar.

The Committee on Sabbath schools and Young people's Societies reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

Blanks were sent to all the congregations and mission stations. Those relating to the young people's societies were made to include

missionary societies and kindred organizations. Returns have been received from seventy. These are in general full and satisfactory and enable us to form some idea of the present condition, tendencies and needs of both.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

But one congregation is reported as without a Sabbath school. The members are so few and so widely scattered that it has not been found practicable to organize one.

Twenty-five mission schools are reported. Three of these are Chinese. There are mission scholars in nearly all of the congregational schools.

The total number of scholars in attendance is 10,449, sixty-two more than reported last year. The fact that these scholars receive much, some all, of their religious instruction in the Sabbath school emphasizes its importance and the necessity for exercising the greatest care as to the teachers employed and the instruction imparted.

Complaint is made that mission scholars do not as a rule attend church service even when this is held immediately after the school is dismissed. The effect of this example on the children of church members has been felt to be hurtful. Any tendency to substitute the Sabbath school for the church ought to be checked. To the extent this is allowed there is danger that there will be raised up a generation of church despisers and Sabbath violators.

In the country congregations many, in some cases all, of the older members attend the school. In the city, church members do not manifest the same interest in the Sabbath school. Complaint is made as to this.

With but few exceptions the school expenses are paid out of the class collections, the surplus, if any, generally being applied to missions or other benevolent objects. This is unfortunate. The congregation should defray the expense of the Sabbath school, and not, as is now the case, the officers, teachers and scholars. Some effort is made to enlist the energies of the scholars in active work, by encouraging them to bring in new scholars, raise money for missionary and benevolent objects, pay for the support of pupils in the missions abroad, etc., etc. Efforts with this object in view should be encouraged. The Sabbath school should be also a training school. Scholars should be taught how to do good service for Christ and His Church. A sense of personal responsibility should be impressed on the minds, and instruction given as to the best way to discharge the duties incumbent on even the very young with reference to others.

There are ten schools in which the Home Department has been introduced to a greater or less extent. During the year one has adopted it while another has given it up. The testimony of those that have introduced it is in its favor.

Your committee make the following recommendations:

1. As the Sabbath school has become so important a factor in the religious training of the young, we recognize the duty of

parents to see that their children are in attendance and come prepared, but at the same time we urge parents to be very careful to resist any tendency to allow the instruction there given to supplant home-training; we urge upon sessions and Sabbath school associations the necessity for exercising the greatest care in the selection of teachers, and upon teachers the necessity for the most careful preparation for the class.

2. That as the church of the future will be largely composed of those who have received much of their religious instruction in the Sabbath school, we urge upon officers and teachers the necessity for keeping before them as the ends to be attained, (1) the bringing the scholars to Christ, (2) leading them into the fellowship of the church, and (3) training them for active service for Christ and His church.

3. As the welfare and success of the church and Sabbath school are most closely connected, we urge upon the attention of members of the former the duty of manifesting such an interest in the latter, by their presence, their efforts and their financial support, as circumstances will permit.

4. Believing that anything which belittles the church or is substituted for the church is to that extent hurtful and ought to be resisted, we urge upon sessions and officers, teachers and friends of the Sabbath school, to make special effort to see that those who attend the Sabbath school attend also the church service.

5. In accordance with the action of former Synods we endorse the Home Department and Graded System and recommend their use in our Sabbath schools.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

So far as the number of societies is concerned the Reformed Presbyterian Church has no reason to complain. There are, in connection with it, Missionary Societies, Women's Missionary Societies, Mission Bands, C. E. Societies, Young People's Societies, Junior C E. Intermediate Societies, Y. M. C. Association and Soldiers of the Tenth. One C. E. Society has been disorganized during the year. Three new organizations have been reported. One of these is a new society composed of boys and girls under fifteen years of age and called "The Soldiers of the Tenth." In addition to these there are presbyterial women's missionary societies, C. E. and young people's presbyterial societies, Sabbath school institutes and conventions.

Nearly all of the Young People's Societies and Bands are modeled to a greater or less degree after the C. E. Society. Some of the C. E. Societies are in connection with local unions; others are not. In some congregations where there is no organization our young people unite with the U. P. Union and in others with local C. E. Societies. The pledge has been dropped by some.

The missionary Societies are, with few exceptions, composed of women. In one a change was made during the year by which men were admitted to membership and with advantage.

Complaint is made that one effect of the devotional meetings on the Sabbath, of some of these organizations is to crowd out a church service and also that there is a tendency to allow such organizations to take the place of the church and do her work. Members, it is claimed, will attend the society meetings to the neglect of the church service, and contribute to the support of such organizations to the neglect of the congregation and of church schemes.

The work engaged in by these organizations consists of raising money for missionary and benevolent purposes and the support of pupils in mission schools, preparing and forwarding to the mission boxes of clothing, etc., etc., encouraging the children to raise money for good objects and instructing them as to methods, visiting the sick, looking after strangers who are present at church services, studying systematically the Bible and missionary and reform work, circulating petitions, securing expression of opinion and arranging for meetings in favor of reform and efforts to reach with the Gospel the unsaved at home.

The success of the Reformed Presbyterian Standard, a monthly paper intended to represent Young People's Societies, attests the deep interest taken in the young people's work by our members. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Inasmuch as there is a danger that societies may be needlessly multiplied and so prove detrimental to congregations, we recommend that sessions be thoroughly satisfied before giving encouragement to the introduction of any additional, that there is a need for them and that their introduction will be productive of good, not harm.

2. That as attendance on church services is of paramount importance and the duty of members to contribute to the support of the ordinances in their own congregations and to the Boards of the church is incumbent on all, we urge that care be taken that no meetings be allowed to interfere with attendance on church services and that no contributions to any organizations be allowed to interfere with the support of the congregation and the Boards of the church.

3. That while there is an advantage in having the young organized into societies where they can fit themselves best actively to engage in work, we urge that care be taken that the lines between young and old be not so sharply drawn as to form them into separate classes and thereby occasion antagonism, but that arrangements be made for meetings in which both may come together, become acquainted with plans and methods and, as opportunity affords, take an active part in whatever work, of personal and social redemption for which the church has been established, is attempted.

4. Rejoicing in the success that has already accompanied the effort of our young people in the different departments of church, reform and benevolent work, we would incite them to still more

earnest and self-sacrificing effort, individually and in their societies, now when the need for consecrated personal service is so great and the encouragements are so many.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Sproull,
James Patton,
E. G. Elsey,
P. R. Sanderson,
J. B. Dodds.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Signs of the Times.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times would report

CAUSES OF THANKSGIVING.

The year that is past has seen fresh proofs that the Lord is good; that His mercies endure forever. He has crowned the year with his goodness and His paths drop fatness. He has made the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Prosperity has attended the labors of the husbandman, the manufacturer and the merchant. The land has not been scourged by famine, nor by plague in any form. Let us be thankful and rejoice.

There are signs of a quickened national conscience. Polygamy, venality and corrupt political rings have been rebuked by Congress Men are found in the councils of State to champion the cause of political righteousness.

In these times of backsliding and spiritual declension Jehovah has still a seed to serve Him. There are more than seven thousand in Israel who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Jesus Christ has many loyal and devoted servants in His vineyard. There are many whose hearts are right with God. In these times of faltering there are still those who hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering; there are still witnesses for the truth as set forth in the law of Christ.

New missions are being established and new missionaries are going to the darkest lands. Men of means are consecrating their substance to the furtherance of the Gospel. Governments are demanding the protection of missionaries in their fields of labor and the redress of wrongs perpetrated.

God is still near to all who call upon Him in sincerity and truth. All such can say, "Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ;" and, "The Lord be magnified who taketh pleasure in the prosperity of His servants."

For these and other reasons Synod appoints the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving to be observed by all the people under her care. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; give thanks unto Him and bless

His Name." Give thanks "unto God and the Father in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

CAUSES OF FASTING.

"Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the old men, gather the children and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber and the bride out of her closet; let the priests, the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thy heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them; wherefore should they say among the peoples, where is their God?" God is calling us to fasting, humiliation and prayer in His providence as well as in His Word.

The Holy Spirit is grieved because of the conduct of many of the professed people of God. They are following after covetousness. "They have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain from every quarter." Many rob God in tithes and in offerings and are under the curse. Many are at ease in Zion. They presume on covenant relationship yet ignore its sanctions, disregard its responsibilities and imagine they have immunity from sin. Many are carnal. This manifests itself in failure to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts; in seeking worldly ease and pleasure; in giving way to envy, strife and divisions.

The ways of Zion mourn. Few come to her solemn feasts; few are added to the Church. Many abandon the profession they have made; many make defection from high attainments and lower the standard of Christian living. The voice of testimony is being silenced; the witnesses are being slain. Infidelity is stalking through the churches, wearing a mask. Ministers of religion in prominent stations are proclaiming non-acceptance of Bible doctrines. The worship of God is corrupted; human inventions are introduced into the sanctuary; many are striving to please men rather than God; many teach for doctrines the commandments of men.

Turning from the ecclesiastical to the civil world the situation from a moral and religious point of view is no less alarming. "The wicked walk on every side;" "vileness is exalted among the sons of men." The God of heaven is not honorod; the king of kings is rejected; those in authority still say, "We will not have this man to reign over us." They despise His counsels. They set at naught His revealed Will. They break asunder bonds, which none but God has a right to break. They pollute His Sabbaths. They decree iniquity by law. They make a covenant with death and with hell they are at agreement. They oppress the poor; they slay the innocent. Nation rises against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There are carnage and desolation. Wives are made widows and children are fatherless.

For these and other reasons Synod appoints *Thursday of the Week of Prayer* to be observed by all the people under her care as

a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. Let all draw near to God in the name of Christ confessing their sins and crying for mercy.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull,
D. C. Martin,
R. M. Blackwood,
S. C. Patterson,
C. H. Stormont.

The report on National Reform was taken from the table. The amendment was laid on the table. Item 7 was adopted. Item 8 was added. During the discussion on the report as a whole the noon hour arrived.

Recess was taken with prayer by W. P. Johnston.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod came promptly to order and was opened with prayer by J. Boggs Dodds.

The roll was called. Hosack, Judson, Kilpatrick, R H. Martin, McBurney, McGaw, Rambo, Robinson, T. C. Sproull and J. Renwick Wylie were absent; but nearly all soon appeared.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Voted, that hereafter the sermon of the Retiring Moderator shall be delivered at the opening session of Synod.

Miss Mattie R. Wylie was invited to address Synod when the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions is taken up.

The Committee on the deaths of Rev. J. C. Smith, Rev. Robert M. Stewart and Elder John Hunter reported. Memorial service was held. Reports were adopted and are as follows:

John Calvin Smith.

Committee to report notice of the death of Rev. J. C. Smith, present the following:

John Calvin Smith was born near Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 29, 1831. His father, Thomas Smith, was an iufluential elder of Bloomington congregation. His mother was Jane (Curry) Smith. On the father's side tradition traces the origin back to a brother of Walter Smith and to David Farres, martyrs of Scotland, in 1681. He fell asleep in the Lord, March 12, 1900, full of assurance and saying, "Lord Jesus, come quickly." Our brother, now gone to his reward, possessed much of the spirit of his martyred ancestors. Well instructed in the principles of the church, from his youth, he manifested a spirit of devout piety. His parents had devoted him from infancy to the ministry, when educated, he at length found his congenial life work in the service of the church. Ordained April 16, 1863, as pastor of Slippery Rock Congregation, the relation continued for twenty-six years, and was greatly blessed to

himself and the people of his charge. He became pastor in Cincinnati, July 10, 1889, where his labors for the Master showed increasing zeal and desire for the salvation of men. His fervent love to the Saviour, here resulted in the establishment of the Cincinnati Jewish mission, a work into which he entered with all his heart.

He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost, friendly, kind, tender hearted, sociable and generous.

As a preacher he had unction and persuasive power. He was a wise moderator of session, a peace-maker among the people, of a forgiving disposition. In the higher courts he was punctual in attendance, never absent from Synod, and seldom if ever from Presbytery. He took an active part in the worship of the church. His piety and fidelity have left a deep impresssion on his own family and on the young people of his charge. His influence will be long felt in the church for good. He has ceased from his labors and his works will follow him.

D. S. Faris,
T. P. Stevenson,
Robert Speer,
D. S. Ervin,
J. R. Latimer,
Committee.

Rev. Robert Miller Stewart.

The Rev. Robert Miller Stewart died at his late residence, Wilmot, Nova Scotia, on the 29th of September, 1899. Mr Stewart was born in Ireland in 1819, and received a liberal education. He was ordained in Belfast on July 12th, 1849, and was appointed to labor in the British Provinces of North America where he arrived in October, 1849. He soon settled in Wilmot, Nova Scotia, where he labored until October, 1878, when at his request he was released from the charge of the congregation. Again he labored for some time in the Wilmot congregation as stated supply under the care of the Central Board, and afterwards for a few years filled appointments in the United States under the care of the church.

Mr. Stewart was a man of great activity, and not until a short time ago, when his voice failed, did he give up public service.

His final sickness lasted only about ten days, and in the 81st year of his age he passed away to his final reward.

Thos. McFall,
R. M. Sommerville,
Thomas Patton,
John W. Pritchard,
Wm. Anderson.

Elder John Hunter.

It is allowable to take note of a good life. God does so in His Word. That is a good life that obeys the will of Him who gives

it, that secures the well-being of him who lives it, that promotes the welfare of the lives amid which it is lived One man is spoken of who built a ship, but he was commanded of God to build it, and the ship was meant to save the lives of men and women and children. One refused a crown, but he was told of God to refuse it, because he was to give his life to free the men over whom he might have ruled. "Any life is good that answers life's great end." The Christian spirit makes the good life. It makes new men. It takes hold of men who otherwise would have lived ordinary lives, and gives them new ideas as to things—new objects of vision, new meaning to acts. We call attention to two or three things in the life of the dear friend whose face we miss, and whose absence we greatly deplore.

1. *He valued his own responsibility and made it to be of great account* This man's life is worthy of study on the part of any boy, in connection with the church of which he was a distinguished member. He started life with little or no means, and by his own efforts became able to give and did give thousands to the cause of Christ. It is each of the units separately strong, that make the organization strong, in which the units meet. A fleet only can be strong as a fleet, when under the control of one eye and one voice, but you cannot have such fleet except as each individual vessel has its own captain, and is itself strong, able to go out alone into the dangers of the sea. This man was honored by this Church, but he made himself worthy of this honor. For long years he was a member of the Seminary Board and of the College Board. At a time when an endowment was sought for the college, he said to those who had the matter in charge, that he would personally give $25,000 if $75,000 could be secured from all other sources. So that we owe to this good man the means through which we this day, in this field, do our work. This man, though dead, speaks this day to the young men of this Church. Make yourselves to be of account, makes yourselves as units strong, and then give yourselves to that church which "Christ purchased with His blood," and so be instrumental in making the organization strong with which you will henceforth be connected.

2. *He gave proof that it was not the kind of work, but the kind of spirit in work that makes a life beneficent.* Mr. Hunter was not privileged to preach, or to teach. He did not need to do either with his motives and aims in business, whether carried on in manufactory or on the farm He did the Lord's work. It is the spirit which we have in work that tells. One has said that if one has hired another to work for a day in his garden that the good to be secured will not depend on the strength of arms and legs which he brings with him, not on the skill possessed, but on the spirit with which he means to do the work. If good is meant, if the man's soul is in his work, then mutual relationship is established and feelings like bees fly back and forth, carrying their pollen, and heart is made glad by contact with heart. One of the members of this Committee was privileged to spend some days in this good man's house two summers' ago. Men—poor men—not

able to pay for legel talent, and men able to pay, but not having confidence in those whom they might employ, came to this man's house for his counsel. There were no fees. He was like a judge in the olden days in Israel, men did him reverence. Chrysostom said in speaking of the Shekinah, "that the good man was the true Shekinah, not a thing of wood and curtain and cover." Novalis said, "We touch heaven when we lay our hand on a man's body." Surely the world has been made better by his being here, and heaven will be enriched by his going there.

"Then life is—to wake, not sleep,
Rise and not rest, but press
From earth's level, where blindly creep
Things perfected, more or less,
To the heaven's height, far and steep.

W. P. Johnston,
W. J. McKnight,
Solomon Kingston,
Hugh Dugan,
Jno. R. Steele.

It was ordered that copies of the above be forwarded to the several families.

Elder Rambo was excused for the remaining session.

A collection of $44.54 was lifted to help Cedarville congregation meet the special expenses incident to this meeting.

Discussion of the report on National Reform was resumed. The report was adopted and is as follows:

National Reform.

The Committee on National Reform would respectfully report:

That at the Synod of 1897, at Beaver Falls, Pa., the following action was taken. "Believing that the crowning reason for the existence of our church as a separate organization of the followers of Christ, is the principles which we hold as to civil society, we would say that we regard it our present duty unceasingly to urge the acceptance of these principles on the part of our nation, and the exaltation of our Savior King to His rightful place of supreme authority over our land."

This action is based upon a fact that history confirms, that while the entire church had accepted the two offices of Christ's mediatorship, viz: that of prophet and of priest, His office as king was not as yet contended for, when God in His Providence called out the Reformed Presbyterian Church to espouse the cause of the Redeemer's Kingship. That has been the distinctive doctrine of her profession ever since. It is not meant that that one thing is all of our church's duty, but that being the reason for which she was organized, she has rounded up with other duties essential to a distinct and separate body that she may give the greater prominence to the one principle of her existenee. More especially in

this day, when in His sovereign majesty the Divine Mediator is going forth to judge the nations by storm and flood, by famine and plague, by war and pestilence, when the proposition to disband the armies of the nations is followed by a greater increase of war facilities, when an international peace commission is followed by vast armies on bloody battlefields, and as the multitudes fall in the fight, vaster multitudes are mustering to fill up the gap, that people, whose crowning duty it is to declare His sovereign right to rule the nations must speak out and call the nations to see His hand and hear His voice. If they do not thus speak the very stones will cry out. There is a deadness resting upon the church at large that is amazing, aye, even alarming. It has seemed to send its chill to every fibre of the being. Everybody sees it and feels it. Many churches report no increase and some a net loss for the year 1899. Diviners of the times said, months ago, there was a revival coming, and very soon. It has not come yet. The church not only is not growing, but she is not gaining power. She is not getting the hold upon the world that she should. Evil is rampant upon every hand and the church does not seem to be able to cope with it. It is not wise in such a condition of things to become pessimistic and do nothing but sigh and mourn over it, but it is dutiful to search for the reason, and if possible to find out the cause of such widespread apathy. It must be apparent to every anxious heart that in some way the spirit of God has been grieved. He has been provoked to withdraw from the church. He has left her to be filled with worldliness, with formality and lack of spiritual power, while many attempts have been made to explain this state of things that may in part account for it, there are two reasons for the Spirit's departure that we think have not been sufficiently emphasized. The one is the church's failure to do her duty to society. There has been no diminishing of effort to reach individuals. Never in the world's history before has there been so much Christian activity of the evangelistic sort, but equally true at the same time there has been a lamentable failure to arrest the evils that have been destroying vastly more souls than the number that has been saved. The rule of the churches efforts has been individualism ; the evidence of her failure has been gigantic of society's evils. Many souls may have been saved in these years of effort, but in the same time hundreds of thousands of souls have been lost by devouring evils. It is not that less effort be put forth to reach individuals, but incomparably more to root out the evils that are destroying the multitudes. The church's weakness at this point, and her failure to urge a more successful warfare upon these wasting evils cannot but grieve the Spirit of God, and cause that even her efforts at individual conversions have not been as successful as they ought to have been.

But a second and more manifest reason of the Spirit's withdrawal from the church is that she has not glorified Christ as she should have done. Christ's honor as King is not acknowledged. The church does not acknowledge it and labor for it as she should, the nation not at all, and the Spirit of God is grieved.

It is Christ as the ascended and exalted Lord that gives the Spirit, and He cannot do it while his Honor is trodden in the dust. That church whose mission it is to declare the kingship of Christ stands at the point of cleavage between a dead and spirit-forsaken church and a revived and fruitful church. Is she true to her mission, and will she cry out and alarm, blow the trumpet from house and hill top and declare everywhere that Jesus Christ is King, will she awake and arouse the church at large, till with one universal effort it call upon the nation to proclaim Him King, then shall the spirit be poured out upon both nation and church.

No successful reform within the nation can be carried on but upon the plane of the nation's owning the supremacy of Christ and His Divine law.

There is a most important fact that the great church has left too much out of view, and that is that the converted nation, the Christ honoring, reconstructed nation is to be a tremendous power in the world's conversion. It is one of the mightiest forces on earth in setting up the Kingdom of Christ. That Kingdom can never be established without it. We have seen the individual, family and church doing something toward it; we have not yet seen the saved nation's hand in it, and hence the meagre results. Because the nation has not done its part, we see to-day the towering evils that obstruct the progress of this kingdom, a broken Sabbath, divorce stricken families, new forces dominant, and secular agencies working everywhere. These obstructions are created by the government, authorized by it, and can be removed by nothing but the government. They must and will impede the kingdom and curse the earth till the government removes them; and only a Christ-acknowledging government will ever remove them.

Has not that church called into being to witness for a Christ-honoring nation, come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Can it be that the price of wisdom has been put into her hand, and she has no heart to it? May the loving Lord forbid that the glory of such a triumph shall be taken from us and given to another?

The Executive Committee, composed of fifty-four members, has met four times during the year, and the sub-executive Committee has met every month.

The Committee was able to enlarge the work very greatly this year through the bequest of one thousand dollars by the Hon. Felix R. Brunot and through two gifts, one of $1,000, and one of $500, from generous friends of the cause. From these funds the Association repaid to Synod's Board of Trustees the $1,000 which had been advanced by the Board on the strength of Synod's appropriation from certain bequest funds, the Association meanwhile paying interest on the same until the property should be disposed of. The sale of the property has been delayed and the Association paid back the money.

A report of the previous year's work was published in June, 1899, with full acknowledgment of names and amounts of all moneys received during that year.

The annual meeting of the Association, with the accompanying popular Convention, was held in New York, December 6, 7 and 8, 1899. The printed addresess make a pamphlet of 150 pages, which is sold for the nominal price of ten cents.

Our work on Marriage and Divorce Laws, under the charge of T. P. Stevenson, has been of more than usual interest. A petition was sent up, bearing influential signatures, against the admission of a polygamist to Congress. Through the efforts of Dr. McAllister one of the several anti-polygamy constitutional amendments which were introduced afterwards, was amended, to include an express acknowledgment of the law of Christ, and a special hearing in support of this amendment was granted by the Judiciary Committee Five thousand copies of the report of this hearing were printed by the Judiciary Committee.

More recently a special memorial to the Commissioners on Uniform Laws has been prepared and has received signatures of leading men, especially in Philadelphia.

In the work for Christian teaching in public schools, continued use has been made of the valuable investigation by Dr. R. C. Wylie, into the school laws of the States of which a special edition of five thousand copies was printed last year. President. S. F. Scovel's address at the New York Convention was on this subject, and a special edition of one thousand copies has been published.

Drs. David McAllister and T. P. Stevenson spent two weeks in the Southern States, visiting and addressing eight colleges. the Negro Conference at Tuskegee, Alabama, and the Florida Chautauqua Assembly. The travelling expenses in chief part were paid by the last-named assembly. The special subject discussed at these institutions of learning, which are furnishing teachers for the South was the necessity for moral and religious instruction in the public schools.

The Field Secretary, H. H. George and Mrs. George, who is also a Secretary of the Association, have given their whole time to the work. The first months of the year were spent preaching and speaking in many places, in preparation for the New York Convention. Three months were then spent in the South, and a convention was held in Charlotte, N. C., on the 28th and 29th of March. The later weeks have been spent in Pennsylvania and Ohio, closing with a convention in Springfield, Ohio, on the first days of the present week.

Twenty-two ministers of our own church and a few of other churches have accepted appointments as local District Secretaries of the Association. While their work this year has been largely tentative, some have rendered valuable service. and all are encouraged with the open doors before them for another year. Of the secretaries from other churches the Rev. W. H. McMaster has been specially abundant in labors, his time having been spent chiefly in the Southern States.

Mr. J. R. Dill has held a large number of institutes, each continuing for several days, with valuable addresses and good audiences.

We subjoin the following resolutions:

I. One great leading duty of the Reformed Presbyterian Church is to declare the honor of Christ as the King of nations.

II. That each pastor in his field should let this light so shine that his entire neighborhood should know that he is a witness for the royal prerogatives of Christ as Governor among the nations.

III. That we believe that the preaching the world needs to-day is a whole Christ, not simply as Priest, or Priest and Prophet both, but as Prophet, Priest and King.

IV. That we declare that the Spirit of God will not be given to the church in its fullest measure so long as she refuses to give to Christ the honor that belongs to Him in all His offices.

V. That it is the worst sort of ingratitude to say that we accept the blessings of the death of Christ upon the cross, and deny to Him, who died upon the cross, the glory of the crown that God gave to Him, because He became obedient to that death.

VI. That so far as we can consistently, we heartily co-operate with every organization of temperance, Sabbath observance, anti-secrecy, anti-polygamy, and divorce, and all kindred associations that have in view the honor of Christ and the preservation of our Christian institutions.

VII. That the National Reform Association affords an efficient means through which we may labor for the discharge of our obligations to the nation, and we therefore commend it to the continued support of our people on the same conditions as heretofore, asking for it the appropriation of last year, $5,000.00.

VIII. That Synod heartily approves of the efforts put forth by many of our pastors and congregations in the prosecution of National Reform work in their respective localities, and that we encourage all to do so according to their ability and opportunity.

H. H. George,
John S. Duncan,
T. P. Robb,
John C. Calderwood,
T. J. Blackwood, M.D.

The report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported. Received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items adopted. Report adopted and is as follows:

Finance.

Your Committee on Finance report that the following papers have been put into their hands:

1. The Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

2. The Report of John T. Morton, Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees, with a synopsis or condensed statement of the same.

3. Report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of the following funds: Syrian Foreign Mission; Foreign Mission in China; Temporary Investment Foreign Missions; New Building in Tak Hing, China; Suadia Buildings, Nos. 1 and 2; Latakia Hospital; Mersina Hospital; Literary and Church erection.

4. Report of Missionary Conference.

5. Report of Board of Control, with Blank Forms and Information Sheets.

6. Petition of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association in regard to transfer of property, accompanied with a copy of their charter.

7. Items from Reports of Foreign Mission Board and Central Board of Missions.

8. Items from Reports of Presbyteries.

9. Items from Reports of Church Erection and Sustentation Boards.

10. Paper relating to the publication of a new edition of Selections of Psalms.

11. Item from a letter from Alliance of Reformed Churches.

12. Report of Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Treasurer of Reformed Presbyterian Association and Home for the Aged.

13. Statement of Dr. McAllister, Financial Agent of Synod for National Reform.

The report of John T. Morton, and that of Walter T. Miller, and that of Mrs. Sproull, Treasurer, and the financial statement of Dr. McAllister, came to the Committee audited and prepared with commendable neatness and accuracy.

Although Synod's Treasurer, acting on the instructions of last Synod, has accompanied his regular report with a synopsis or condensed statement, we recommend, at the request of the Board of Trustees, the publication in the Minutes of the full report, as in former years. We also recommend the publication of the synopsis of Walter T. Miller's Report on Foreign Missions, and his reports of other funds.

We find on examination that the Board of Trustees has carried out the directions given at last Synod.

I. As to the items in regard to which the Board asks special instructions, we recommend the following action:

(1) That the bequest of Miss Mattie S. T. Williams of $20, to the Indian Mission, go to the current account of that mission.

(2) That the bequest of Arthur T. Kilpatrick of $40 to the Domestic Mission and of $20 to the Southern Mission go to the current accounts of those missions.

(3) That the bequest of Mrs. Annie Melville of $50 to the Southern Mission and of $30 to the Indian Mission go to the current accounts of those missions.

(4) That the $248.73. net, from the estate of Miss Margaret G. Russell go to current account of Foreign Missions.

(5) That the bequest of Miss Mary J. Campbell of $1,000, to be divided equally among the Foreign, Home, Indian, Jewish and Southern Missions, go to the current account of those missions.

(6) That the accrued interest of $7.55 on the Mrs. Mary Lyon Lingo Memorial Endowment, and the income hereafter derived from that source be appropriated to the Indian Mission.

II. Among the financial reports of Walter T. Miller appear "Suadia Building funds, Nos. 1 and 2," reporting a balance overdrawn of $254.44 in one case, and of $177.41 in the other, and there has been no change in these accounts for four and three years respectively. We recommend that the Treasurer be allowed to debit the Temporary Investment Fund with these amounts and close the accounts.

III. We recommend that Synod approve the appropriations that the Missionary Conference has made to Presbyteries for the aid of weak congregations and mission stations, except that $300 be added to Kansas Presbytery appropriation, and that Synod also approve the recommendation of the Conference "that an average of seven dollars a member be required of congregations applying for aid to the Sustentation Fund, instead of eight dollars, the requirement heretofore."

IV. In regard to the miscellaneous matter referred to the Committee, we make the following recommendations:

(1) That Synod, in compliance with the petition of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association, a regularly incorporated institution, authorize and direct the Board of Trustees to transfer to that Association a good title to the property, including the grounds and buildings now used by them as a Home for the Aged, on their payment of principal and interest due on that property, and already in their hands for that purpose, as soon as the Association have their charter, which is now self-perpetuating, so amended as to protect the interests of Synod and require an annual financial statement to Synod.

(2) That Synod approve of all the blanks and information sheets that have been adopted by the Board of Control, except the form of note required of students making application for assistance from the Students' Aid Fund. As that fund was originally intended only to assist young men who could not otherwise obtain a theological training, only that class of students should receive aid from it, and the money so drawn should be a free grant to them, a

note being taken payable only in case they should leave the fellowship of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

(3) That Synod request the Board of Church Erection to give favorable consideration to the application of Denver congregation for $1,000, to aid in the payment of the debt on its place of worship.

(4) That Synod accept the proposal of Christian Statesman's printing office to issue a new edition of 5,000 copies of Selections of Psalms for $140, that being the lowest offer received.

(5) That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for William Blair, John A. Dodds, and Robert J. Ward, to serve as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for three years, ending June 15, 1903.

(6) That $60, our share of the expenses of Alliance of Reformed Churches, be paid out of the Literary Fund.

V. Synod orders the following scale of collections:

Aged Minister's Fund, First Sabbath of July, 1900.....	$1,500
Widows and Orphans, First Sabbath of August, 1900.....	1,500
Domestic Missions, First Sabbath of September, 1900....	6,000
Mission in China, First Sabbath of October, 1900.....	5,000
Indian Mission, Third Sabbath of October, 1900	3,000
Southern Mission, First Sabbath of November, 1900	5,000
Jewish Mission, Third Sabbath of November, 1900.....	2,000
Syrian Foreign Missions, First Sabbath of December, 1900	15,000
National Reform, First Sabbath of January, 1901	5,000
Testimony Bearing, First Sabbath of February, 1901.....	4,000
Theological Seminary, Third Sabbath of February, 1901..	1,500
Church Erection, First Sabbath of March, 1901.....	5,000
Literary Fund, Third Sabbath of March, 1901.....	1,500
Sustentation Fund, First Sabbath of April, 1901	6,000
Geneva College, First Sabbath of May, 1901.....	2,500

VI. The Clerk is instructed to publish 850 copies of the Minutes of Synod and draw upon the Literary Fund to meet expenses, and sell them for 30 cents a copy, including postage. The former Clerk, Dr. Foster, is instructed to transfer to the present incumbent, Dr. Shaw, for preservation, 50 copies of each edition on hand, and dispose of the rest to any one who may wish a copy, for 5 cents to cover postage.

R. M. Sommerville,
J. McCracken,
A. Kilpatrick,
D. S. Ervin,
R. J. Houston.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Cedarville, O., May 30, 1900.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Herewith find my eighth annual report as Treasurer of "The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America," for the year commencing May 1, 1899 and ending April 30, 1900, which has been audited by a Committee of said Board of Trustees, whose certificate is hereto attached.

During the year the funds have earned $17,412.38 which would be equal to 5 95-100% on the amount of Endowment Funds,—but there is unpaid of this amount, $2,397.00.

The Board has declared a dividend on Endowments of $292,138.78 (as shown on balance sheet) of 5 1-8% from the cash revenue received and credited to Interest Account during the year, amounting to $14,972 11.

The David Gregg Real Estate Endowment has netted during this last year, only $2,042.85, owing to one of the properties being vacant a good part of the year. The net revenue has been distributed as instructed by donor.

The following Donations and Bequests have been received during the year:

Mr. Walter T. Miller has made the second payment of $1,000 00 on Dec. 9, 1899, on his subscription to Geneva College Endowment Fund, together with interest on same, $240.00, which has been credited as follows:

Geneva College Endowment Fund	$1,000 00
Geneva College Current Account	240 00

James Herbison Bequest of Bear Run and Mahoning Cong., for various items of Church work amounting to $612.00 received by you at last meeting of Synod, through Rev. J. F. Crozier, has been distributed as directed.

Miss Mattie S. T. Williams Bequest. An additional bequest has been received from her May 17, 1899, through Mr. R. G. Dean, Wexford, Pa., for Indian Mission Current Account, $20.00.

Mrs. Mary Lyon Lingo Bequest (formerly reported as Mrs. Mary Lingo Bequest), Parkston, Hutchinson Co., S. D., has been settled through her son, W. H. Lyon, Esq., who is also one of her executors, by his paying us Feb. 10, 1900, $1,350.00 for balance of bequest, making total of bequest $1,500.00, and interest on same, $7.55. It is given for a perpetual and everlasting inheritance, for Church Missionary Purposes.

Rev. Robert Shields Bequest, Almonte, Ont,, Can. Received June 29, 1899, per his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, through Rev. A. J. McFarland, $600.00, as follows:

For Endowment Fund of Theological Seminary	$400 00
For Endowment Fund of Geneva College	200 00

on which we are to pay her annually, interest at rate of 4% during her natural life.

Miss Mary J. Campbell Bequest, Rochester, N. Y. Received July 14, 1899, per Mr. J. H. Campbell, Executor, $1,100.00, for following:

Old Ladies' Home	$100 00	
Foreign Mission	200 00	
Home Mission	200 00	
Indian Mission	200 00	
Jewish Mission	200 00	
Southern Mission	200 00	
		$1,100 00
Of this amount, we paid, per order Synod's Board to Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Tr., of R. P. Women's Association, for Old Ladies' Home		100 00
Leaving balance for distribution as she specifies		$1,000 00

Robert Osborne Bequest, Parnassus, Pa., Received Oct. 7, 1899, per Mr. M. G. Euwer, Ex'r, for

Southern Mission	$5 00	
Indian Mission	5 00	
Jewish Mission	2 50	
Theological Seminary	2 50	
		$15 00

(Mr. Euwer says above is for Current Accounts.)

Miss Margaret G. Russell Bequest, Bovina, N. Y. Received Jan. 10, 1900, per Mr. Thos. G. Russell, Ex'r, Delhi, N. Y., $259.83, less expenses $11.10, leaving balance $248.73 Under the will, "The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in trust, for the Board of Foreign Mission, are made the residuary legatees, and the Executor is directed to pay the same to the Treasurer of said Synod."

Arthur T. Kilpatrick Bequest, Albia, Ia., Received April 13, 1900, per Rev. C. D. Trumbull:

For Domestic Mission	$40 00	
For Southern Mission	20 00	
		$60 00

Mrs. Annie Melvin Bequest, late of Adamsville, Pa., Cong., received April 17, 1900, per Mr. J. G. McFeeters, Tr. of Cong., for

Southern Mission	$50 00	
Indian Mission	50 00	
		$100 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. MORTON, Treas.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 1, 1900.

GENERAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$295,138 78	
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Received during the year:			
	Geneva College	$2,365 00		
	Theological Seminary	523 01		
	Student's Fund	150 00		
	Domestic Mission	25 00		
	Southern Mission	25 00		
			3,088 01	
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*			$298,226 79
			$298,226 79	$298,226 79

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$111,540 78
1899.			
July 13.	Walter T. Miller Donation		1,000 00
Sept 5.	Cash, Rev. W. P. Johnston, on acc't, his note		100 00
Sept. 30.	Cash, Rev. W. P. Johnston, balance of his note		100 00
Oct. 28.	Rev. W. P. Johnston, on acc't note, L. C. Johnston		50 00
Dec. 9.	Walter T. Miller Donation		1,000 00
1900.			
Jan. 22.	Cash, Rev. J. F. Crozier and Mr. Jas. Graham, note in full		100 00
Apr. 7.	Cash, W. S. Crowe, on acc't note of Oliver C. Crowe		15 00
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$113,905 78	
		$113,905 78	$113,905 78

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$60,214 13
1899			
May 19.	Cash, Miss Elizabeth H. Orr, Wilkinsburg, Pa.,		$5 00
June 7.	James Herbison Bequest		122 40
July 13.	John Wright Estate Bequest		195 81
July 13.	James Dickson Bequest		199 80
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$60,737 14	
		$60,737 14	$60,737 14

STUDENTS' FUND ENDOWMENT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$15,658 76
1899.			
Dec. 28.	Cash, Mr. James McCune, note		150 00
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$15,808 76	
		$15,808.76	$15,808.76

FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*		$42,986 17

DOMESTIC MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$31,076 04
1899.			
July 13.	Memo. Bequest of Miss Mattie S. T. Williams		25 00
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$31,101 04	
		$31,101 04	$31,101 04

SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 4,531 28
1899.			
July 13.	Memo. Bequest of Miss Mattie S. T. Williams		25 00
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 4,556 28	
		$ 4,556 28	$ 4,556 28

CHINESE MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*		$ 100 00

AGED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT.

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$12,740 56

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT.

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$ 5,691 06

CHURCH EXTENSION ENDOWMENT.

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$ 3,400 00

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.
(For Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.)

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$ 2,000 00

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.
(For Foreign Mission.)

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$ 1,000 00

IOWA PRESBYTERY ENDOWMENT.

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$ 700 00

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT.

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$ 500 00

MRS. AGNES MCINROY ENDOWMENT.

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$ 3,000 00

DAVID GREGG BEQUEST ENDOWMENT.

1900. May 1.	*Balance*	$200,000 00

MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

1899. May 1.	Balance	$ 8,346 36	
1900. Apr. 30.	Cash paid for loans during year	40,050 00	
1900. Apr. 30.	General Endowment Account	$ 3,088 01	
" 30.	Cash, received on loans during the year	40,582 61	
			$43,670 62
1900. May 1.	*Balance*		4,725 74
		$48,396 36	$48,396 36

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Expenditures.

1899. June 19.	Cash paid County taxes for 1899	$ 259 00	
Sept. 6.	Cash paid J. McGraith, plumbing No. 414	1 50	

1899.			
Sept. 30.	Cash paid Mess. George Bros., Commission for renting No. 414.....	50 00	
Oct. 6.	Cash paid Mess. McFadden and Craig, for plumbing No. 414.....	3 30	
1900.			
Mch. 3.	Cash paid Mess. McFadden and Craig, plumbing No. 416.....	2 33	
Mch. 15.	Cash paid city taxes, 1900, Mch. and Sept	2,438 64	
Mch. 20.	Water rent for 1899, No. 414.....	39 78	
Apr. 16.	Interest Account, for attending to property, collecting rents, etc., per order of Board.....	254 60	
Apr. 16.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment acc't 15 shares at $136 19 per share.....	2,042 85	

Receipts.

1899.			
Oct. 21.	Cash, per Shuman Bros., on account water rent No. 414.....		$ 27 00
1900.			
Apr. 16.	Cash, rent of Nos. 414-416 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa., to April 1, 1900...		5,092 00
May 1.	*Balance*.....	27 00	
		$ 5,119 00	$ 5,119 00

DAVID GREGG REAL ESTATE ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance,.....$200,000 00		
1900.			
Apr. 16.	Foreign Mission, 5 shares.....	$680 95	
	Domestic Mission, 3 "	408 57	
	Sustentation Fund, 1 "	136 19	
	Church Erection, 1 "	136 19	
	Theological Sem'ry, 1 "	136 19	
	Southern Mission, 1 "	136 19	
	Chinese Mission, 1 "	136 19	
	Ministerial Widows & Orphans Fund, 1 "	136 19	
	Cent'l R. P. C., Ally, 1 "	136 19	
	15		$2,042 85
1900.			
Apr. 16.	D. Gregg End'm't Bequest Current Acc't, (Net revenue from Property for year).....		$ 2,042 85
May 1.	*Balance*.....		200,000 00
		$202,042 85	$202,042 85

ROBERT AIKEN PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance .....$	636 95	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Interest.....	38 22	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*.....		$ 675 17
		$ 675 17	$ 675 17

WALNUT CITY, IOWA PRESBYTERY CHURCH LOT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 23 90
1899.			
July 13.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Acc't, for Church Erection Current Acc't (Order of Synod 1899)	$ 23 90	

REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT (NO. 4 SUSQ. ST., PITTSBURGH, PA.)

1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 2,296 74	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid County taxes 1899	2 09	
	City taxes 1900	27 40	
	Water rent	8 12	
	Repairs, etc	40 15	
	Grading, paving, etc	113 12	
	Interest Account, Net Amt. revenue, 1 year to May 1, 1900	104 64	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, rent		$ 182 40
May 1.	*Balance*		2,409 86
		$ 2,592 26	$ 2,592 26

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 6,292 13	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid for repairs, water rent, insurance, etc	217 90	
	Interest $382 14		
	Less interest on Rent Acc't 162 74	219 40	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*		$6,729 43
		$ 6,729 43	$6,729 43

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 2,504 33
1899.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, rents received during year		419 00
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 2,923 33	
		$ 2,923 33	$ 2,923 33

HOME FOR WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND AGED PEOPLE, R. P. CHURCH.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 3,500 00	
Sept. 4.	Bond and Mtge., Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 mos. interest	105 00	
1900.			
Mch. 3.	Bond and Mtge. Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 mos. interest	105 00	

1899.			
Sept. 4.	Cash, per Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Treas., 6 mos. interest		$ 105 00
1900.			
Mch. 2.	Cash, per Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Treas., 6 mos. interest		105 00
May 1.	*Balance*		3,500 00
		$ 3,710 00	$ 3,710 00

BOND AND MORTGAGE, MISS SARAH N. ARBUHNOT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 3,500 00
Sept. 4.	Home for Widows, Orphans, etc., Acc't, 6 mos. Int. to Sept, 3, 1899.		105 00
1900.			
Mch. 3.	Home for Widows, Orphans, etc., Acc't, 6 mos. Int. to Mch. 3, 1900,		105 00
1899.			
Sept. 4.	Cash remitted	$ 105 00	
1900.			
Mch. 3.	Cash remitted	105 00	
May 1.	*Balance*	3,500 00	
		$ 3,710 00	$ 3,710 00

MRS. REBECCA BROWN DONATION NO. 2, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,840 00
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 1,840 00	

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 1,840 00	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*		$ 1,840 00

REAL ESTATE DONATION.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 508 28	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid City, County, Sprinkling and Sewer Taxes and Water Rent.	98 11	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*		606 39
		$ 606 39	$ 606 39

CASH DONATION.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 2,474 73
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 2,474 73	

DONATION IN MEMORY OF MRS. ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN.
(For Chinese Foreign Mission.)

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 140 22
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash and sundries per Rev. D. S. Faris		184 41

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Sundries	$ 42 25		
May 1.	*Balance*	282 38		
		$ 324 63	$	324 63

THOMAS CHRISTISON DONATION, GUTHRIE, WIS.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 100 00
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 100 00	

WALTER T. MILLER DONATION, NEW YORK, N. Y.
(To Geneva College Endowment Fund)

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,000 00

1899.				
July 13.	Geneva College Endowment Fund	$ 1,000 00		
1899.				
Dec. 9.	Cash		$	1,000 00
Dec. 9.	Cash, interest			240 00

1899.				
Dec. 9.	Geneva College Endowment Fund	$ 1,000 00		
Dec. 9.	Geneva College Current Account	240 00		
		$ 1,240 00	$	1,240 00

MRS. REBECCA LAW DONATION, NEW CONCORD, O.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 240 00

1899.			
July 13.	Southern Mission Current Account.. (Per order Synod, 1899	$ 240 00	

MORTGAGE NOTE.

1900.				
Apr. 10.	Cash, on account		$	100 00
Apr. 16.	Cash, on account		$	50 00
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 150 00	$	150 00
		$ 150 00	$	150 00

JOHN WRIGHT ESTATE REQUEST PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$	391 61
1899.				
July 13.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acc't, for Syrian Mission Current Acc't	$ 195 80		
	Theological Seminary Endowm't Acct. (Per order Synod, 1899)	195 81		
		$ 391 61	$	391 61

MISS MARION MALLOCH BEQUEST, LEICESTER, LIVINGSTON, CO., N. Y.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$	1,423 40
1899.				
July 13.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acc't, for Foreign Mission Current Acc't	$ 569 36		
	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acc't, for (Chinese Miss.) Miss. in China Cr. Acc't	284 68		
	Southern Mission Current Account	284 68		
	Sustentation Fund Current Account, (Per order Synod, 1899)	284 68		
		$ 1,423 40	$	1,423 40

REBECCA SMITH BEQUEST (JANE M. DOUGHERTY, EX.)

1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$	106 00
1899.				
July 13.	Southern Mission Current Acc't	$ 53 00		
	Indian Mission Current Acc't, (Per order Synod, 1899)	53 00		
		$ 106 00	$	106 00

WILLIAM ACHESON BEQUEST, NEW YORK, N. Y.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$	397 85
1899.				
July 13.	Domestic Mission Current Acc't, (Per order Synod, 1899)	$ 397 85		

JAMES DICKSON BEQUEST.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$	399 60
1899.				
July 13.	Theological Seminary End'm't Fund	$ 199 80		
July 13.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acc't, for Syrian Miss. Current Acc't, (Per order Synod, 1899)	199 80		
		$ 399 60	$	399 60

ROBERT STERRETT BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$	673 93

1899.			
July 13.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Acc't, for Foreign Mission Current Acc't.....$	288 84	
July 13.	Southern Mission Current Acc't, (Per order Synod, 1899).....	385 09	
	$	673 93	$ 673 93

JAMES HERBISON BEQUEST.
(Of Bear Run and Mahoning Cong.)

1899.			
June 7.	Cash, per Rev. J. F. Crozier, to be divided as follows:		
	Foreign Mission Current Acc't .....$	183 60	
	Southern Mission Current Acc't.....	122 40	
	Aged Ministers Fund, Current Acc't..	122 40	
	Theo. Sem'y End'mt Fund.....	122 40	
	Home Miss. of Pgh. Pres.....	61 20	
			$ 612 00

1899.			
June 7.	Cash, paid John T. Morton, Tr. Pgh. Pres.....$	61 20	
	Walter T. Miller, Tr Account.....	183 60	
	Southern Mission Current Account...	122 40	
	Aged Ministers Fund, Current Acc't..	122 40	
	Theo. Sem'ry End'mt Fund. (Per order Synod, 1899.....	122 40	
	$	612 00	$ 612 00

MEMORIAL BEQUEST OF MISS MATTIE S. T. WILLIAMS.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance.....		$ 50 00

1899.			
July 13.	Domestic Mission Endowment Acc't..$	25 00	
July 13.	Southern Mission Endowment Acc't, (Per order Synod, 1899.....	25 00	
	$	50 00	$ 50 00
1899.			
May 17.	Cash, per R. G. Dean, Wexford, Pa., for Indian Mission Current Acc't..		$ 20 00
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*.....$	20 00	

MRS. MARY LYON LINGO BEQUEST, PARKSTON, HUTCHINSON CO., S. D.
(Formerly Mrs. Mary Lingo.)

1899.		
May 1.	Balance.....	$ 149 50
1900.		
Feb. 10.	Cash, sold to Wm. H. Lyon, Bal. of our interest in her legacy for.....	1,350 00
	Amount paid 1-18-95 for affidavit, etc., .50, and Amt. paid 2-14-1900 to Notary, .50.....	1 00
	Interest allowed by Wm. H. Lyon, $8.55, less above charges, $1.00....	7 55

1900.				
Feb 14.	Cash, paid Notary Public.....		50	
May 1.	*Balance.* (Bequest $1,500.00, Int. $7.55)		$ 1,505 75	
			$ 1508 05	$ 1,508 05

(Memo. from copy of will. The remaining portion of my property I give and bequeath unto the Reformed Presbyterian Church of the U. S. of America for a perpetual and everlasting inheritance." In the assignment to Wm. H. Lyon, dated 2-12-1900, viz., for Church Missionary purposes.)

JAMES FRASER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, N. Y.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance.....			$ 1,986 00
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, rents received.....			1,265 30
	Fire loss, No. 122 E. 83rd St.....			37 00
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash paid Repairs.....	$	153 20	
	City taxes, 1899.....		356 27	
	Water rent.....		20 00	
	Insurance.....		9 00	
	Repairs, fire loss No. 122 E. 83rd St.....		37 00	
	Revenue stamps, for Deed, Bond and Mtge, and Certificates.....		41 70	
	Notary fees, and Recording fees		11 68	
	Attorneys fees.....		1,500 00	
May 1.	*Balance*.....		1,159 45	
		$	3,288 30	$ 3,288 30

BEQUEST OF JOHN COULTER AND ELIZA JANE COULTER, HIS WIFE.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance.....	$	2 50	
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*.....			2 50

JOHN CROWE BEQUEST, RENFREW, PA.

1899.				
May 16.	Cash, paid for certified copy of will...	$	1 00	
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*.....			$ 1 00

REV. ROBERT SHIELDS BEQUEST, ALMONTE, ONTARIO, CAN.

1899.

June 29. Cash, per Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, hiswife, through letter of Rev. A. J. McFarland, dated 6-27-'99, as follows:

To Endowment fund of Theo. Sem.....	$	400 00	
To End'mt fund of Geneva Col.		200 00	
			$ $600 00

(We to pay Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, annually, interest at rate of 4%, during her natural life. She is a member of Almonte Cong.)

1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*.....	$	600 00	

MISS MARY J. CAMPBELL BEQUEST, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

1899.				
July 14.	Cash, per J. H. Campbell, Exr. for Old Ladies' Home (Home for Aged Persons)	$ 100 00		
	Foreign Mission	200 00		
	Home Mission	200 00		
	Indian Mission	200 00		
	Jewish Mission	200 00		
	Southern Mission	200 00		
				$ 1,100 00
1899.				
Aug. 30.	Cash, paid Mrs. Anna M. Sproull, Tr. of R. P. Women's Association, for "Old Ladies' Home," per order of Synod's Board, meeting 8-9-'99	$ 100 00		
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*	1,000 00		
		$ 1,100 00		$ 1,100 00

Memo. from postal of J. H. Campbell, dated 7-15-'99: "The will only specified that the money should be given to the Mission. They are at liberty to use it in any way they choose for Mission purposes."

ROBERT OSBORNE BEQUEST, PARNASSUS, PA.

1899				
Oct. 7.	Cash, per hand of M. G. Euwer, Exr., for use of Southern Mission	$ 5 00		
	Indian Mission	5 00		
	Jewish Mission	2 50		
	Theological Seminary	2 50		
				$ 15 00
	(Mr. Euwer says above is for Current Accounts.)			
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 15 00		

MISS MARGARET G. RUSSELL BEQUEST, BOVINA, N. Y.

1900.				
Jan. 19.	Cash, per Thos. G. Russell, Exr., Delhi, N Y. (Per letter 1-4-1900, of Davie & Stoddart, attys. "Under the will of Margaret Russell, the Trustees of the Synod of the Ref'd Pres. Church, in trust for the Board of Foreign Missions of said Church, are made the residuary legatees, and the Executor is directed to pay the same to the Treasurer of said Synod.")			$ 259 83
1900				
Jan. 19.	Cash, paid for certificates to acknowledgment of release	$ 1 10		
Feb. 6.	Cash, paid Messrs. Davie & Stoddart, Attorneys, for their services	10 00		
May 1.	*Balance*	248 73		
		$ 259 83		$ 259 83

ARTHUR T. KILPATRICK BEQUEST, ALBIA, IA.

1900.				
Apr. 13.	Cash, per Rev. C. D. Trumbull, for			
	Domestic Mission	$ 40 00		
	Southern Mission	20 00		
			$	60 00
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 60 00		

MRS. ANNIE MELVIN BEQUEST.
(Late of Adamsville, Pa. Congregation.)

1900.				
Apr. 17.	Cash, per J. G. McFeeters, Treas. (of			
	Cong.) Jamestown, Pa., for			
	Southern Mission	$ 50 00		
	Indian Mission	50 00		
			$	100 00
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 100 00		

IOWA PRESBYTERY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Dividend		$	35 88
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash remitted	$ 35 88		

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Dividend		$	25 62
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash remitted	$ 25 62		

MRS. AGNES MCINROY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.				
Apr. 23.	Interest to May 1, 1900		$	120 00
1900.				
Apr. 23.	Cash remitted	$ 120 00		

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIALS INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Dividend		$	102 50
Apr. 30.	Dividend			51 25
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Fund for Widows and Children of			
	Deceased Ministers	$ 102 50		
Apr. 30.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Acc't, for			
	Foreign Missions	51 25		
		$ 153 75	$	153 75

FOREIGN MISSION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.				
Apr. 16.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment			
	Acc't, five (5) shares,		$	680 95
Apr. 30.	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of			
	$42,986 17			2,203 04

1900.				
Apr. 16.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account....	$ 680 95		
Apr. 30.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account.....	2,203 04		
		$ 2,883 99		$2,883 99

CHURCH EXTENSION OR ERECTION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.			
Apr. 16.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., one (1) share.....		$ 136 19
Apr. 30.	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of $3,400 00.....		174 25

1900.				
Apr. 16.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account....	$ 136 19		
Apr. 30.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account....	174 25		
		$ 310 44	$	310 44

CENTRAL REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALLEGHENY.

1900.			
Apr. 16.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., one (1) share		$ 136 19

1900.		
Apr. 17.	Cash remitted.....$	136 19

CASH DONATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Interest Account.....		$ 125 00

1900.		
Apr. 30.	Cash remitted .....$	125 00

THOMAS CHRISTISON DONATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.			
Mch. 28.	Interest Account, 1 yrs. interest to 3 30-1900		$ 5 00

1 00.		
Mch. 28.	Cash remitted.....$	5 00

WALTER T. MILLER, TREASURER ACCOUNT.

1899.			
June 7.	James Herbison Bequest.....		$ 183 60
July 13.	John Wright Estate Bequest.....		195 80
July 13.	James Dickson Bequest.....		199 80
July 13.	Miss Marion Malloch Bequest.....		5 9 36
July 13.	Miss Marion Malloch Bequest.....		284 68
July 13.	Robert Sterrett Bequest.....		288 84
July 13.	Walnut City, Iowa Pres. Church Lot Acc't.....		23 90
1900.			
Apr. 16.	Foreign Mission Interest Acc't.....		680 95
Apr. 16.	Church Erection Interest Acc't.....		136 19
Apr. 30.	Foreign Mission Interest Acc't.....		2,203 04
Apr. 30.	Church Extension Interest Acc't.....		174 25
Apr. 30.	James R. McKee, Memorials Interest Acc't.....		51 25

1899.			
June 7.	Cash remitted	$ 183 60	
July 14.	Cash remitted	1,562 38	
1900.			
Apr. 17.	Cash remitted	817 14	
Apr. 30.	Cash remitted	2,428 54	
		$ 4,991 66	$ 4,991 66

W. P. M. S. PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 200 00
Nov. 4.	Interest Account, 1 yrs. Interest to 11-5-'99		10 00
1899.			
Nov. 4.	Cash remitted Mrs. J. R. McKee, Tr.	$ 10 00	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	200 00	
		$ 210 00	$ 210 00

REV. A. J. McFARLAND, LECTURER.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Balance per his report	$ 4 47	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*		$ 4 47

SUIT, (J. A. CUMMINGS.)

1899.			
Aug. 15.	Cash, paid costs	$ 3 30	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*		$ 3 30

REPAIRS ON PROPERTY (REAL ESTATE DONATION.]

1900.			
Mch. 31.	Cash on account repairs		$ 31 25
1900.			
Apr. 5.	Cash paid for repairs	$ 135 00	
May 1.	*Balance*		$ 103 75
		$ 135 00	$ 135 00

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 250 00	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*		$ 250 00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rent of office, 1 yr. to 5-1-1900	$ 390 00		
	Telephone rent, 1 yr. to 7-1-1900	60 00		
	P. O. Stamps	44 21		
	Revenue Stamps	14 88		
	Stationery	20 30		
	Printing, etc., — Church scheme circulars and cards	16 61		
	Receipt book	15 00		
	Two copies Minutes Synod, '99	60		
	Renewal subscription, Christian Nation	1 50		
	Writing two copies of report of Sec'y of Board of Trustees	4 25		
	Car fare	4 00		
	Rev. T. P. Robb, Memo. of Will of Mr. Kilpatrick	1 00		
	Awnings removed and stored	1 00		
	Reseating chair	1 00		
	Insurance, office furniture	4 15		
	Equitable Trust Co., Bond of Treas.	50 00		
	John T. Morton, salary 12 mos. to May 1, 1900	2,100 00		
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Geneva College Current Account		$	272 85
	Theological Seminary Current Acc't.			204 64
	Domestic Mission Current Acc't			204 63
	Southern Mission Current Acc't			136 43
	Interest Acc't			1,909 95
		$ 2,728 50	$	2,728 50

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$	78 59
1900.				
Apr. 16.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Acc't			254 60
Apr. 30.	Sundries			7 33
	Sundries			362 26
	Geneva College Current Acc't			17 45
	Geneva College, needed repairs, etc., Acct			120 00
	Cash, interest received during year			16,506 86
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid James Stothers, being allowance of part of interest between date of Mtge., and his receiving money for same	$ 15 00		
	Cash Donation, Interest	125 00		
	W. P. M. S. Pgh. Presbytery, Interest	10 00		
	Thos. Christison Donation, Interest	5 00		
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy, Interest	120 00		
	Sundries, Interest	146 76		
	Expense Account	1,909 95		
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowments of $292,138 78	14,972 11		
May 1.	*Balance*	43 27		
		$17,347 09		$17,347 09

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 852 91
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 852 91	

CASH ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 4,950 38	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Receipts	102,793 19	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Expenditures		$101,164 14
May 1.	*Balance*		6,579 43
		$107,743 57	$107,743 57

DOMESTIC MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, 153 Congregations		$ 4,501 21
	20 Sabbath Schools		352 12
	1 S. S. Class		20 00
	17 L. M. S.		227 16
	2 Mission Bands		11 00
	14 Y. P. S. C. E.		310 14
	80 Individuals		1,165 86
	2 W. P. M. S.		79 20
	Amount returned from Houlton Cong., Appropriation, 1896, per Rev. Thos McFall		22 00
	Amount returned by Rev. J. S. Thompson, Treas., Ohio Pres		151 00
	Amount returned by Rev. J. C. Taylor, Treas., Vermont Pres		25 00
	William Acheson Bequest		397 85
	D Gregg Real Estate Endowm't Acc't three (3) shares		408 57
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of 31,076 04		1,592 65
1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 1,006 61	

Expenditures.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rev. P. J. McDonald, Sup'mt to May 1, 1900	$ 116 70	
	Rev. P. J. McDonald, bal. of appropriat'n by Synod, 1898, to Seattle Cong.	50 00	
	Rev. A. J. McFarland, Sup'mt to 5-22-1899	41 74	
	Rev. B. M. Sharp, Sup'mt to 6-18-1899	83 40	

		Rev. H. P. McClurkin, Sup'mt to 7-1-1899	83 40	
		Rev. T. H. Acheson, Sup'mt to 6-1-1899	41 74	
		Rev. J. Milligan Wylie, Sal. to 7-1-1899	188 57	
		Rev. W. C. Paden, Preaching, Wahoo, to June 1, 1899	20 00	
		Mr. G. F. W. Benn, Preaching, Chicago	75 00	
		Rev. T. C. Sproull, Preaching, Chicago	15 00	
		Mr. S J. Johnston, Preaching, Chicago	15 00	
		Mr. D. O. Jack, Preaching, Chicago	60 00	
		Rev. Louis Meyer, Preaching, Chicago	30 00	
		Rev. J. A. Black, Preaching, Chicago	15 00	
		Rev. E. F. Sherman, Preaching, Chicago	90 00	
		Rev. C. D. Trumbull, Preaching, Chicago	15 00	
		Rev. A. J. McFarland, Preaching, Chicago	30 00	
		Mr. Jno. H. Pritchard, Preaching, Chicago	30 00	
		Rev. W. C. Paden, Preaching, Chicago	45 00	
		Mr. J. K. Robb, Preaching, Chicago	60 00	
		Rev. M. A. Gault, Preaching, Chicago	75 00	
		Paid appropriation Synod, 1899 viz:		
		Kansas Pres.—Mr. R. M. Atchison, Treas	2,450 00	
		Colorado Pres.—Mr. E. B. Lemmon, Treas	1,000 00	
		Phila. Pres.—Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Treas	200 00	
		N. B. & N. S. Pres.—Rev. Thos. McFall	300 00	
		Vermont Pres.—Rev. J. C. Taylor, Treas	40 00	
		Pittsburgh Pres.—Jno. T. Morton, Treas	1,300 00	
		Ohio Pres.—Rev. J. S. Thompson, Treas	787 50	
		Lakes Pres.—Rev. R. Hargrave, Treas	200 00	
		Illinois Pres.—Rev. D. S. Faris, Treas	400 00	
		Rev. J. S. Thompson, Treas., returned him of amount he returned us 1:20-1900	13 50	
		Myers & Shinkle Co., 2,000 appeals	7 75	
		Rev. J. W. Sproull, postage on appeals	3 25	
		Expense account	204 63	
May	1.	Balance	169 97	
			$ 9,263 76	$9,263 76

KNOX ACADEMY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899.			
June 7.	Cash, Tuition, per Rev. R. J. McIsaac		$ 114 13
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Southern Mission Current Account...	$ 114 13	

PLEASANT GROVE MISSION PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rent, per Mr. J. H. Pickens.....		$ 30 00
1899.			
Apr. 30.	Southern Mission Current Account..	$ 30 00	

TEACHERS' HOME, SELMA, ALA., RENT ACCOUNT.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rent 1 yr. to Oct. 1, 1900, per Rev. R. J. McIsaac.....		$ 100 00
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Southern Mission Current Account...	$ 100 00	

SOUTHERN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, 94 Congregations....	$ 1,829 12		
	20 Sabbath schools..	408 44		
	15-L. M. S.....	167 31		
	2 Miss. Bands	3 27		
	7 Y. P. S. C. E.....	58 02		
	61 Individuals.....	667 41		
	1 W. P. M. S.....	42 05		
				$ 3,175 62
	James Herbison Bequest.....			122 40
	Mrs. Rebecca Law Donation.....			240 00
	Rebecca Smith Bequest.....			53 00
	Miss Marion Malloch Bequest			284 68
	Robert Sterrett Bequest.....			385 09
	D. Gregg R. E. Endowment Acc't, one (1) share.....			136 19
	Knox Academy Current Account...			114 13
	Pleasant Grove Mission Property Rent Account.....			30 00
	Teacher's Home, Selma, Ala., Rent Account.....			100 00
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of $4,531.28.....			232 23
1899.				
May 1.	Balance		$ 959 25	

Expenditures.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rev. S. Kingston, Sal. to 5-1-1900.....	$ 400 00	
	Mr. J. H. Pickens, Sal. to 5-1-1900.....	420 00	

	Mr. J. C. Phillips, Sal. to 5-1-1900	360 00	
	Rev. R. J. McIsaac Sal. to 5-1-1900	1,000 00	
	Miss Margaret McCartney, Sal. 5-1-1900	320 00	
	Miss Lena L. Beattie, Sal. to 5-1-1900	280 00	
	Miss Lillian Hobbie, Sal. to 5-1-1900	320 00	
	Mrs. G. M. Sims, Sal. to 5-1-1900.	320 00	
	Miss M. Della Walker, Sal. to 5-1-1900	320 00	
	Miss Sophia P. Kingston, Sal. to 5-1-1900	280 00	
	Miss Rachel E. Pollock, Sal. to 6-1-1899	40 00	
	Miss Margaret McCartney. Traveling Expenses	40 82	
	Miss Lena L. Beattie, Trav. Exp.	17 00	
	Miss Lillian Hobbie, Trav. Exp.	60 80	
	Miss M. Della Walker, Trav. Exp.	41 82	
	Miss Rachel E. Pollock, Trav. Exp	24 37	
	Insurance	57 50	
	Expense Account	136 43	
			$ 524 65
May 1.	*Balance*		
		$ 5,397 99	$ 5,397 99

CHINESE HOME MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 497 88

Receipts.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, 1 Congregation	$ 140 00		
	2 Sabbath Schools	10 87		
	1 L. M. S.	10 00		
	7 Individuals	17 00		
				177 87
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., one (1) share			136 19
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of $100.00			5 13

Expenditures.

1899.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Mrs. Rosamond R. Johnston, Sal. to 5-1-1900	$ 300 00	
	Miss Grace Johnston, Sal. 5-1-1900	50 00	
	Mr. Lou Yen, Sal. to 5-1-1900	60 00	
	Miss Ester Wood, 3-1-1900	70 00	
	Hall rent to 6-1-1900	264 00	
	Gas bills	34 75	
	Fuel	6 00	
			$ 32 32
May 1.	*Balance*		
		$ 817 07	$ 817 07

INDIAN MISSION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance			$ 139 60
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 139 60		

INDIAN MISSION BUILDING ACCOUNT.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance			$2 89
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 2 89		

MRS. M. A. SLATER, AS A MEMORIAL TO HER SON, RENWICK G. SLATER.

(To start a new branch of Indian Mission.)

1899.				
May 1.	Balance			$ 250 00
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*	$ 250 00		

INDIAN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance			$ 222 15

Receipts.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, 91 Congregations	$ 1,316 34		
	18 Sabbath Schools	215 64		
	9 L. M. S.	59 17		
	2 Mission Bands	10 94		
	1 Y. P. S. C. E.	35 00		
	57 Individuals	341 24		
				1,978 33
	Special remittances for Rev. W. W. Carithers			8 27
	W. P. M. S. Pgh. Pres., balance of Rev. W. W. Carithers' salary to Feb. 1, 1900		750 00	
	And on Acc't from Feb. 1, 1900		250 00	1,000 00
	Miss Mary L. Staley's salary for July, 1899, returned, (she resigned June, '99)			37 50
	Rebecca Smith Bequest			53 00
	Indian Miss. Credit Acc't, receipts per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers, for year ending 4-30-1900			397 47

Expenditures.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rev. W. W. Carithers, Salary to 5-1-1900		$ 1,000 00	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, Sal. of Mr. Geo. C. Robb. to 9-1-1899		120 00	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, for farm help to 3-1-1900		180 00	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, Sal. of Mr. W. W. Humphrey to 5-1-1900		50 00	
	Miss Alice Carithers, Sal. to 5-1-1900		300 00	
	Miss Fannie E. Thomas, Sal. to 5-1-1900		450 00	

	Miss Maggie J. Walkinshaw, Sal. to 5-1-1900		168 00	
	Miss Mary Willson, Sal. to 5-1-1900		175 00	
	Miss Mary L. Staley, Sal. to 8-1-1899		112 50	
	Miss Joanna Speer, Sal. to 7-1-1899		50 00	
	Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Trav. Exp.	$33 70		
	Assisting Com.	25 00		
			58 70	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, special remittances		8 27	
	Sundries, expenses per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers for year ending April 30, 1900		1,524 05	
May 1.	*Balance overdrawn*			$ 499 80
			$ 4,196 52	$ 4,196 52

JEWISH MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance			$ 258 12
	Receipts.			
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, 88 Congregations	$ 896 49		
	2 Sabbath Schools	38 28		
	13 L. M. S.	135 38		
	1 Mission Band	1 50		
	4 Y. P. S. C. E.	40 42		
	43 Individuals	147 33		
	1 W. P. M. S.	16 75		
				1,276 15
	Expenditures.			
1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid Philadelphia Jewish Mis.		$ 643 55	
	Paid Cincinatti Jewish Mission		378 46	
May 1.	*Balance*		512 26	
			$ 1,534 27	$ 1,534 27

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF MISSIONS.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, receipts		$ 140 65
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash remitted	$ 140 65	

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 3,429 31
	Receipts.		
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rent to June 1, 1900		800 00

Expenditures.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, one-third amount of Natural gas bills, to 6-1-1899	$	66 64	
	Water rent for 1899		12 00	
	City taxes for 1900		180 94	
	Insurance plate glass		10 00	
	Repairs, (plate glass, vault, sidewalk, etc.)		485 27	
	Allegheny Illuminating Co. bills		1 40	
May 1.	*Balance*	$	3,473 06	
			$ 4,229 31	$ 4,229 31

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899.		
May 1.	Balance	$ 1,375 88

Receipts.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, 78 Congregations	$	562 81	
	3 Sabbath Schools		17 15	
	22 Individuals		87 07	
	1 W. P. M. S.		1 25	
				668 28
	W. R. Sterrett, Esq., returned of amount paid him 5-2-1899, for traveling expenses, attending Board meeting			2 00
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acc't, one (1) share			136 19
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of $60,214.13			3,085 97

Expenditures.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, Rev. D. B. Willson, D.D., salary 1 yr., to June 1, 1900	$	2,000 00	
	Rev. R. J. George, D.D., salary 1 yr., to June 1, 1900		2,000 00	
	Rev. T. P. Stevenson, traveling expenses attending Board meeting, 5-2-1899		13 00	
	W. R. Sterrett, Esq., traveling expenses attending Board meeting, 5-2-1899		15 50	
	Paid for instruction in elocution to five students. Order Board		15 00	
	Expense Account		204 64	
May 1.	*Balance*		1,020 18	
		$	5,268 32	$ 5,268 32

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1899.		
May 1.	Balance	$ 1,309 15

Receipts.

1900. Apr. 30.	Cash, 2 Congregations.....$	6 46		
	2 Individuals.....	6 00		12 46
	Rev. W. M. Glasgow, from sale of Historical Catalogue of Theological Sem. R. P. Ch..			23 65
	Mrs. M. M. Gregg, for Ins. on Library.....			1 00

Expenditures.

1900. Apr. 30.	Cash, paid for books, repairs to book case, etc.....$		50 83	
	Geneva College Library Acc't, (one-half of receipts during year).....		6 23	
May 1.	*Balance*.....		1,289 20	
			$ 1,346 26	$ 1,346 26

STUDENTS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899. May 1.	Balance.....			$ 2,736 67

Receipts.

1900. Apr. 30.	Cash, 33 Congregations ....$	126 47		
	1 Sabbath School....	5 25		
	9 Individuals.....	18 50		150 22
	Rev. C A. Dodds, note.....			90 00
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of $15,658 76.....			852 51

Expenditures.

1899. Nov. 9.	Cash, paid Jas. T. Mitchell.....$		150 00	
	Hugh McCarroll..		150 00	
	Wilbur McBurney.....		150 00	
	Wilmer G. Robb.....		150 00	
	Herbert B. McMillan.....		150 00	
	E. L. McKnight.....		150 00	
	Robert Clarke		150 00	
	A. Waldo Stevenson.....		90 00	
Nov. 17.	I. A. Blackwood.,.....		90 00	
	(Per order Synod's Board of Control.)			
1900. May 1.	*Balance*.....		2,549 40	
			$ 3,779 40	$ 3,779 40

AGED MINISTERS FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899. May 1.	Balance.....			$ 242 97

Receipts.

1900. Apr. 30.	Cash, 86 Congregations ....$	506 91		
	19 Individuals.....	50 38		557 29
	James Herbison Bequest.....			122 40
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of $12,740.56.....			652 95

Expenditures.

1899.				
Oct. 11.	Cash, paid Rev. Robert Stewart.....	$ 120 00		
	Rev. J. R. Baird.....	240 00		
	Rev. J. C. K. Faris.....	180 00		
	Rev. J. M. Armour.....	180 00		
	Rev. R. B. Cannon.....	420 00		
	(Per order Synod's Board of Control.)			
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*.....	435 61		
		$ 1,575 61	$ 1,575 61	

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS CR. ACCOUNT.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance.....		$ 99 85	

Receipts.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, 78 Congregations.....$ 494 86			
	21 Individuals..... 104 88			
			599 74	
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acc't one (1) share.....		136 19	
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of $5,691.06.....		291 67	
	James R. McKee, Memorials Interest Acc't.....		102 50	

Expenditures.

1899.				
Oct. 30.	Cash, paid Mrs. Martha S. George....$	140 00		
	Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wylie..	105 00		
	Mrs. Mary A McMillan...	87 50		
	Mrs. Adda F. Thompson..	70 00		
	Mrs. Susan Love.....	52 50		
	Mrs. Lydia French.....	35 00		
	Mrs. Laura Speer.....	140 00		
	Mrs. Mary A. Yates.....	52 50		
	Mrs. Margaret Lawson....	70 00		
	Mrs. Isabella Milroy.....	70 00		
	Mrs. Belle T. Dodds.....	105 00		
	Mrs. Nancy Reid.....	70 00		
	(Per order Synod's Board of Control.)			
1900.				
May 1.	*Balance*.....$	232 45		
		$ 1,229 95	$ 1,229 95	

SUSTENTATION FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899.				
May 1.	Balance.....		$ 2,542 22	

Receipts.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, 87 Congregations.....$1,612 79			
	2 Sabbath Schools.... 23 47			
	1 L. M. S. 10 00			
	28 Individuals 155 99			
	1 Individual. 1,500 00 1,655 99			
			3,302 25	
	Miss Marion Malloch Bequest.....		284 68	
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acc't, one (1) share.....		136 19	

Expenditures.

1899.			
June 6.	Cash, paid Rev. E. M. Coleman, Almonte Congregation..$	306 00	
	Rev. T. J. Allen, Sterling, Ks. Cong.....	195 00	
	Rev. D. C. Faris, Barnet Cong.....	208 00	
	Rev. T. M. Slater, Bovina Cong.....	98 00	
	Rev. W. J. Sanderson, Cedarville Cong.....	43 00	
	Rev. J. C. Taylor, Craftsbury Cong.....	162 00	
	Rev. Wm. McFarland, Lisbon Cong.....	162 00	
	Rev. Chas. Clyde, Lochiel Cong.....	228 00	
	Rev. J. R. Latimer, Slippery R. Cong	195 00	
	Rev. G. M. Robb, Syracuse Cong.....	455 00	
	Rev. Isaiah Faris, Vernon Cong.....	191 00	
	Rev. T. A. McElwain, W. Hebron Cong.....	292 00	
1900.			
May 1.	*Balance*.....$	3,730 34	
		$ 6,265 34	$ 6,265 34

TESTIMONY BEARING CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance.....		$ 580 04

Receipts.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, 80 Congregations.....$933 64		
	3 Sabbath Schools..... 28 94		
	36 Individuals..... 149 87		
	1 W. P. M. S..... 32 50		
			1,144 95
	Receipts per reports of Rev. A. J. McFarland, Lecturer..		240 36

Expenditures.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid Rev. A. J. McFarland, Lecturer, salary 1 yr. to June 1, 1900.....$	1,200 00	
	Rev. E. F. Sherman, order No. 84.....	100 83	
	Rev. W. J. Coleman, order No. 85.....	8 17	
	Expenses per reports of Rev. A. J. McFarland, Lecturer.....	174 51	
May 1.	*Balance*.....	481 84	
		$ 1,965 35	$ 1,965 35

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1899.			
May 1.	Balance		$ 666 52
	Receipts.		
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Theological Seminary Library Fund (one-half receipts for Library Fund during year)		6 23
	Expenditures.		
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, paid for books, periodicals, etc.	$ 253 35	
May 1.	*Balance*	419 40	
		$ 672 75	$ 672 75

GENEVA COLLEGE INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, received for interest on Geneva College notes during year		$ 673 50
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Geneva College Current Account	$ 673 50	

GENEVA COLLEGE NEEDED REPAIRS, ETC., ACCOUNT.

(At expense of Fraser Bequest.)

1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 2,000 00	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Interest Account, 1 yrs Int. to 5-1-1900,	120 00	
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Geneva College Current Account		$ 120 00
May 1.	*Balance*		2,000 00
		$ 2,120 00	$ 2,120 00

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

	Receipts.		
1900.			
Apr. 30.	Cash, Tuition		$ 2,850 00
	Rent of Chapel		100 00
	Collections		55 95
	Insurance premium returned		147 50
	R. R. Tiebendorfer, A. M. degree		10 00
	Walter T. Miller Donation, Interest		240 00
	Geneva College Interest Account		673 50
	Dividend, 5 1-8% on Endowment of $111,540.78		5,716 46
1899.			
May 1.	Balance	$ 290 84	

Expenditures.

1900.				
Apr. 30.	Cash, Prize of Board of Trustees....	$	25 00	
	Insurance		530 00	
	Repairs, (roof and building)...		288 87	
	100 chairs for chapel.....		50 00	
	Rev. W. P. Johnston, Salary to 6-1-1900		1,500 00	
	Prof. Geo. Kennedy, Sal. to 6-1-1900.....		1,200 00	
	Prof. W. M. Milroy, Sal. to 6-1-1900.....		1,200 00	
	Prof. A. McCracken, Sal. to 6-1-1900.....		1,200 00	
	Prof. W. H. Wilson, Sal. to 6-1-1900.....		1,200 00	
	Prof. J. M. Coleman, Sal. to 6-1-1900.....		1,200 00	
	Prof. A. T. Smith, Sal. to 6-1-1900.....		750 00	
	Miss Grace P. Moorhead, Sal. to 6-1-1900.....		630 00	
	Miss Mary E. Faris, Sal to 6-1-1900.....		400 00	
	Prof. Jos. H. Thompson, Sal. to 6-1-1900.....		250 00	
	Miss E. L. Randall, elocution..		50 00	
	Interest Account, 1 yrs Int. to 5-1-1900, on overdraft of $290.84.....		17 45	
	Geneva College Needed Repairs, etc. Account.....		120 00	
	Expense Account.....		272 85	
May 1.	*Balance overdrawn*.....			1,381 60
			$11,175 01	$11,175 01

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 1, 1900.

LIABILITIES.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

	1899.	1900.
Geneva College Endowment	$111,540 78	$113,905 78
Theological Seminary Endowment	60,214 13	60,737 14
Students' Fund Endowment	15,658 76	15,808 76
Foreign Mission Endowment	42,986 17	42,986 17
Domestic Mission Endowment	31,076 04	31,101 04
Southern Mission Endowment	4,531 28	4,556 28
Chinese Mission Endowment	100 00	100 00
Aged Ministers' Endowment	12,740 56	12,740 56
Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Endowment	5,691 06	5,691 06
Church Erection Endowment	3,400 00	3,400 00
James R. McKee Memo. Endowment (Widows and Children, etc.)	2,000 00	2,000 00
James R. McKee Memo. Endowment (Foreign Mission)	1,000 00	1,000 00
Iowa Presbytery Endowment	700 00	700 00
Wilkinsburg Congregation Endowment	500 00	500 00
	$292,138 78	
(Dividend, 5 1-8% declared on this amount) Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment, (Not governed by dividend, but by specified rate of interest)		3,000 00
Amount of General Endowment Account		$298,226 79
D. Gregg Bequest Endowment (not governed by dividend, net revenue distributed as instructed by Donor)		200,000 00
		$498,226 79

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

St. Johnsbury, Vt. R. P. Church Property Rent Account	2,923 33
Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot	3,500 00
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation, No. 2	1,840 00
Cash Donation,	2 474 73
Donation in Memory of Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin	282 38
Thomas Christison Donation	100 00
Mortgage Note	150 00
Mrs. Mary Lyon Lingo (formerly Mrs. Mary Lingo) Bequest	1,507 55
Arthur T. Kilpatrick Bequest	60 00
Miss Mattie S. T. Williams Bequest	20 00
Mrs. Annie Melvin Bequest	100 00
Robert Osborne Bequest	15 00
Rev. Robert Shields Bequest	600 00
Miss Mary J. Campbell Bequest	1,000 00
James Fraser Bequest	1,159 45
Miss Margaret G. Russell Bequest	248 73
W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Presbytery	200 00
Interest Account	43 27
Contingent Account	852 91
	$515.304 14

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Account	$ 27 00
Domestic Mission Current Account	169 97
Chinese Home Mission Current Account	32 32
Mrs M. A. Slater (as a Memo. to her son, Renwick G. &c ,)	250 00
Indian Mission Industrial School	139 60
Theological Seminary Current Account	1,020 18
Memorial Building Rent Account	3,473 06
Theological Seminary Library Fund	1,289 20
Students' Fund Current Account	2,549 40
Aged Ministers Fund Current Account	435 61
Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Current Account	232 45
Testimony Bearing Current Account	481 84
Geneva College Library Account	419 40
Jewish Mission Current Account	512 26
Sustentation Fund Current Account	3,730 34

ASSETS.

Southern Mission Current Account		$ 524 65	
Indian Mission Current Account		499 80	
Indian Mission Building Account		2 89	
Geneva College—Needed Repairs, &c		2.000 00	
Geneva College Current Account		1,381 60	
Repairs on Property (Real Estate Donation)		103 75	
Life Insurance Policy		1,840 00	
Real Estate Donation		606 39	
Bequest of John Coulter and Eliza Jane Coulter, his wife		2 50	
John Crowe Bequest		1 00	
David Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account.		200,000 00	
Robert Aiken Property Account		675 17	
Real Estate (No 4 Susquehanna St., Pgh., Pa)		2.409 86	
St. Johnsbury, Vt., R. P. Church Property Acct		6,729 43	
Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People, R. P. C		3,500 00	
Suit (J. A. Cummings)		3 30	
Rev. A. J. McFarland, Lecturer		4 47	
Office Furniture Account		250 00	
Mortgage Account		4,725 74	
General Endowment Account		298,226 79	
Cash Account, in First Nat. Bank, Pgh., Pa	$6,468 41		
On hand	111 02	6,579 43	
		$530,066 77	$530,066 77

Synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, from March 30, 1899 to March 30, 1900.

The Receipts have been:

From Congregations	$ 9,073 62
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies	3,146 60
From Individuals and Bequests	5.399 60
From Synod Board of Trustees Dividend Investment Fund	2,192 29
From Synod Board of Trustees Dividend J. R. McKee Memorial Fund	51 00
From Synod Board of Trustees Dividend D. Gregg Estates	1,351 79
From Young People of Second Cong., New York, for Salary of Mission to Cyprus	500 00

From Collections of J. Boggs Dodds		123 09
From Special Contributions		493 32
From Special Contributions for reduction of debt of this account		424 70
Total Receipts		$22,756 01
The Expenditures have been:—		
For Missionary Salaries	$ 10,343 56	
For Mission Expenses, Latakia	3,036 20	
For Mission Expenses, Suadia	709 09	
For Mission Expenses, Tarsus	2,916 17	
For Mission Expenses, Cyprus	726 94	
For Travelling Expenses	1,685 37	
For Shipping Expenses	688 49	
For Medical Supplies, Latakia	148 53	
For Medical Supplies, Suadia	28 98	
For Medical Supplies, Tarsus	150 00	
For Medical Supplies, Cyprus	97 88	
For Medical Supplies, Larnaca	62 58	
For Small Items, Printing, Stationery	24 41	
For Special Contributions Remitted	707 62	
For Outfit of C. A. Dodds	400 00	
Total Expenditures	$21,725 82	
The Excess over Expenditures being		$1,030 19
Which being deducted from Overdraft, March 30, 1899		9,068 25
Makes this account overdrawn at date		$8,038 06

The Literary Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1899.	*Dr.*	
Apr. 13.	To Balance as reported to Synod	$ 971 16
June 19.	To Cash paid J. W. Sproull, rent of box, Allegheny City	5 00
	To Cash paid Rev. J. S. Martin, for cablegram to Synod in Ireland	1 75
	To Cash paid J. A. Black, printing order of business	6 21
July 20.	To Cash paid J. H. Pratt Company, printing and binding 1,000 copies Minutes of Synod, 1899	310 00
	To Cash paid J. W. Pratt Company, printing and binding 250 Testimonies, furnishing new electrotype of book, and 750 copies Testimonies unbound	368 00
Aug. 18.	To Cash paid Rev. W. H. Roberts, apportionment of current expenses of Presbyterian Alliance, 1899-1900	60 00
	To Cash paid Geo. A. Bell & Son, premium of insurance on electrotypes of Testimonies, 150 bound copies, and 750 unbound	5 73
Aug. 15.	To Cash paid J. W. Pratt Company, 2,000 copies Psalter, printing and binding	163 25

Cr.

Aug. 15.	By Cash from sale of Testimonies and Books of Discipline to date.....		$ 39 00
	By Cash from sale of Minutes of Synod per Rev. F. M. Foster to date.....		233 39
	By Cash from sale of Psalters, per Rev. R. M. Sommerville to date.....		348 12
	By Cash from sale of Selections of Psalms, per Rev. W. J. Coleman,		31 00
May 14.	Balance carried down		1,239 59
		$ 1,891 10	$ 1,891 10

1899. *Dr.*

May 14. To Balance brought down.....$ 1,239 59

The Church Erection Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1899. *Cr.*

May 5.	By Balance as reported Synod.....		2,607 13
	By Contributions from congregations		1,175 24
	By Contributions from Sabbath Sch'ls and Missionary Societies.....		21 66
	By Contributions from Individuals and Bequests.....		132 59
	By Proceeds from sale of Elliota Ch. property.....		100 00
	By Proceeds from sale of Walnut City Church lot.....		23 90
	By Proceeds from sale of Eckley Ch. property.....		100 00
	By Dividend from D. Gregg Estate...		136 19
	By Synod Board of Trustees, Dividend from Invested Funds.....		174 25
	Dr.		
	To Cash remitted Seattle Cong. to take up mortgage on church property, by direction of Board.	$ 1,000 00	
	To Cash remitted East End Cong., Pittsburgh, as directed by Synod and appropriated by Board with usual mortgage attending.....	400 00	
	To Cash paid E. G. Thompson, legal expenses in connection with matters of Seattle Congregation....	50 00	
	To Cash paid for telegrams to Seattle in relation to matters of Seattle Congregation.....	7 37	
May 14.	Balance carried down.....	3,013 59	
		$ 4,470 96	$ 4,470 96

Cr.

May 14.	By Balance carried down	3,013 59

The Fund for the Mission in China of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1899. *Cr.*

May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$ 2,850 75
	By Contributions acknowledged as received, are in Christian Nation	1,894 46
	From Congregations, Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies.....	517 25
	From Individuals and Bequests.....	1,017 27
	From returned Salary.....	100 00

Dr.

	To Cash payments and remittances of Salaries of Rev. A. I. Robb and Rev. E. McBurney to date.....	1,873 01	
	To Cash remittances to date, account Mission Expenses.....	485 92	
	To Cash remitted to date, account Travelling Expenses Rev. E. McBurney.....	195 00	
	To Cash remittance to date, account Special Contribution.....	78 20	
May 14.	Balance carried down	3,747 60	
		$ 6,379 73	$ 6,379 73

Cr.

May 14.	By Balance carried down.....	3,747 60

The Building Fund for the Mission in China of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer.

1899. *Dr.*

Apr. 13.	To Balance as reported to Synod,....$	30 83	
	To Cash remitted to date.....	1,737 51	

Cr.

	By Contributions from Congregations		$ 5 00
	By Contributions from Sabbath Sch'ls and Missionary Societies.....		67 50
	By Contributions from Individuals and Bequests.....		275 00
May 14.	Balance carried down.....		1,420 84
		$ 1,768 34	$ 1,768 34

Dr.

May 14.	To Balance carried down.....$	1,420 84

Suadia Building Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1899. *Dr.*

May 14.	To Balance overdrawn as reported to Synod.....$	254 44	

Suadia Building Fund, No. 2, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer :

1897. *Dr.*

May 12.	To Balance overdrawn as reported to Synod..... $	177 41	

Syrian Hospital Latakia in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1899.				
	Cr.			
Apr. 13.	By Balance as reported Synod.....		$	160 36
	By Contributions from Congregations			45 85
	By Contributions from Sabbath Schools, Individuals, Societies for general purposes of hospital....			116 61
	By Contributions from Sabbath Sch'ls and Societies for support of beds			523 00
	By Contributions from Individuals for support of beds.....			150 00
	Dr.			
	To Cash paid to date for Medical Supplies.....$	78 80		
1900.				
May 14.	Balance carried down.....	917 02		
		$ 995 82	$	995 82
1900.	*Cr.*			
May 14.	By Balance brought down.....			917 02

The Mersine Hospital in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1899.				
	Cr.			
Apr. 13.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		$	156 21
	By Cash Contributions from Congregations, Sabbath Schools, Societies, and Individuals for general purposes of hospital.....			127 50
	By Contributions from Individuals for support of beds.....			60 00
	Dr.			
	To Cash paid to date for Medical Supplies.....	132 94		
May 14.	Balance carried down.....	210 77		
		$ 343 71	$	343 71
	Cr.			
May 14.	By Balance carried down.....		$	210 77

The Temporary Iuvestment Fund of the Foreign Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1899.			
	Cr.		
Mch. 30.	By Balance as reported Synod.....		$13,434 14
1900.			
May 13.	Interest earned to date.....		226 88
1900.	*Dr.*		
May 23.	To Balance carried down.....$13,661 02		
		$13,661 02	$13,661 02
	Cr.		
May 23.	By Balance carried down.....		$13,661 02

Summary of Account and Report of D. McAllister, Financial Agent of Reformed Presbyterian Synod, for Year ending May 31, 1900.

1899.	RECEIPTS.		
June 1.	Balance on hand		$ 86 57
	Collected by Dr. H. H. George, including all receipts in connection with New York Convention	$ 2,418 15	
	Collected by Prof. J. R. Dill	716 98	
	Collected by Rev. W. H. McMaster	529 71	
	Collected by Dr. T. P. Stevenson	186 00	
	Collected by Rev. S. H. Graham	114 75	
	Collected by Rev. R. M. Blackwood	101 11	
	Collected by Rev. J. M. Foster	95 87	
	Collected by Rev. J. S. Martin	44 15	
	Collected by Rev. W. Weir	3 75	
	Collected by Rev. A. A. Samson	3 00	
	Sent directly to Treasurer by Congregations, Societies and Individuals	2,739 63	
			6,953 10
			$7,039 67

1899.	EXPENSES.		
June 1.	Paid H. H. George, on salary and expenses from collections by himself	$1,404 74	
	Paid H. H. George, on salary and expenses, directly from treasury	500 00	$ 1,904 74
	Paid J. R. Dill, collected by himself	716 98	
	Paid J. R. Dill, directly from treasury	160 00	876 98
	Paid W. H. McMaster, collected by himself	529 71	
	Paid W. H. McMaster, directly from treasury	150 00	679 71
	Paid T. P. Stevenson, expenses		290 96
	Paid D. McAllister, expenses		179 94
	Paid R. M. Blackwood, expenses		101 11
	Paid J. M. Foster, expenses		95 87
	Paid J. S. Martin, expenses		48 15
	Paid S. F. Scovel, expenses		36 80
	Paid S. H. Graham, commission		11 47
	Paid K. B. Tupper, expenses		9 50
	Paid R. C. Wylie, expenses		8 70
	Paid W. Weir, expenses		3 75
	Paid A. A. Samson, expenses		3 00
	Paid Jos. E. Smith, expenses		2 00
	Paid Hugh Johnston, expenses		1 40
	Paid Note to R. P. Synod's Board of Trustees		1,000 00
	Paid bills of printing		714 72
	Paid Funds given expressly for gratuitous distribution of Christian Statesman		307 50
	Paid sending out 15,000 copies of Statesman in connection with New York Convention		114 00
	Paid rent of office for year		90 00
	Paid Telephone for 6 months		16 00
	Paid Miscellaneous expenses, expressage, revenue stamps, etc.		24 92
			$ 6,521 22
	Balance on hand		518 45
			$ 7,039 67

The Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for William Blair, John A. Dodds and Robert J. Ward as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for the year ending June 15, 1903.

Voted that Synod having reconsidered their former action, notes given by Theological students during the past two years be returned to them, on condition that they deposit with the Treasurer of Synod, notes of equal face value drawn after the form now adopted.

Elder Downie was granted optional attendance.

Adjourned with prayer by R. M. Blackwood.

TUESDAY, June 5.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called. Cullings, Dickson and Kingston were not present but all soon appeared.

Devotional exercises were held, M. A. Gault, leading.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Temperance on recommitted report reported a new Item 3. Item amended and adopted. Report adopted and is as follows:

Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully report, — That looking over the field where the conflict between the friends and foes of temperance is being carried on, we note the following among other features of the contest:

1. That the power for evil of strong drink is not decreasing to any appreciable degree — that the waste and want and misery and moral degradation produced by it are painfully evident — that many wounded are still being cast down by its power — and that it still numbers its dead victims annually by the thousands.

2. We note that strong drink is still strongly entrenched behind legal enactments, which protect and encourage its destructive manufacture and sale, and thus give aid and comfort to this God-defying and man-killing traffic.

3. In a presidential election year particularly, we plainly note, that prominent political parties are exceedingly careful not to alienate whiskey votes from their respective candidates, by the enactment of any temperance legislation.

It is said that during the last session of the Ohio Legislature, when an anti-saloon measure was before that body, that word came from Washington that no temperance legislation should be enacted till the presidential election was past.

4. Whiskey and beer still follow the flag. The canteen flour-

ishes wherever our soldiers are, and cargoes of the deadly stuff are carried across the seas to our distant possessions, closely following the flag. In this connection we note that all efforts on the part of the friends of temperance to induce the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, to abolish the canteen, or secure a change in the interpretation of the anti-canteen law, have been unavailing. We also here note the consistent, aggressive and persistent efforts of strong drink to fasten itself upon all lands and upon all peoples; would that all the professed friends of temperance were equally consistent, aggressive and persistent in their efforts to overthrow and destroy this greatest foe to man's welfare. The consummation so devoutly wished by every true temperance advocate would soon to a large degree be attained, total abstinence for the individual and total prohibition for the State.

5. Some tokens for good, and signs of ultimate success we must also note, viz: The firm and in some cases progressive attitude of the various churches, expressed in resolutions and in recommendations to their members to avoid all complicity with the evil traffic. In some cases these prohibitions include the use of tobacco in any form by candidates for the ministry. The authorities of the French army have prohibited the use of the stronger alcoholic liquors by the soldiers. Thus is science coming to the aid of health and morals.

(1) We observe with profound sorrow, that there appears to be no diminution of the manufacture and sale and disastrous effects of the traffic in intoxicating drinks in our country and throughout the world.

(2) That we reaffirm the long time position of our church on the questions of total abstinence for the individual and total prohibition for the State.

(3) That Synod having forbidden the licensure or ordination of officers of the church, we condemn its use by all the members of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. Sproull,
S. McNaugher,
P. J. McDonald.

The Nominating Committee reported concerning the Covenanter Cemetery near Chester. Adopted and is as follows:

Chester Cemetery.

Your Committee recommend that Rev. D. S. Faris be appointed to bring this matter before the Synod of the Covenanter Church, General Synod, at its meeting soon to be held in Sparta, Ill.; and in case that Synod appoint a committee that he be authorized to

co-operate with it in making any necessary improvements on the burying ground, and report the expense to next Synod.

G. M. Robb,
R. C. Montgomery,
William Pearce,
T. J. Bowes.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work on recommitted report reported. Items 5 and 6 adopted.

Report adopted and is as follows:

Evangelistic Work.

Apart from the thought of the glory of God, the pre-eminent aim of the church is the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ upon the earth. To this all-inclusive end various phases of work contribute in special manner and degree. Witnessing for the truth, — the steady, fearless, and full proclamation of the revealed will of God, — is one essential way. Instruction of those already within the church is another movement to the same end. Again, the reformation of the church and society contributes to the same result. There is at least one more department of work that is essential to the desired outcome, — Evangelization. Evangelistic work is systematic and regular effort to bring the unbelieving to an acceptance of Christ, and the confession of His Name.

Evangelistic work is primary. It is fundamental. It is essential to the extension of the kingdom. It is necessary as long as both the church and the sinner exist. The demands for it yet in the present hour are imperative.

It broadens the foundation. It adds new forces to the work of the kingdom. It increases the height of the watch-tower. It swells the endowment fund It is essential to witnessing. There can be no witnessing without witnesses; and every true convert increases the volume of witnessing. There is also no necessary decrease in the faithfulness of witnessing with an increase in the number of witnesses.

It is essential to edification. We must gather in the unsaved before we can properly and fully build them up. It has its relation to reform work. Proper Evangelization will in different ways work for the reformation of church and nation. It broadens the base for both home and foreign work. Thus it is evident that the department of work under discussion bears significant relation to the other prominent branches of the church's work.

Evangelistic work is seen to be all the more important because, even apart from the extraordinary claims of the Foreign field, so much remains to be done in the home land. In our country, full of gospel light and churches, unbelievers are all about us. There are probably as many as thirty million unregenerate people in the United States; — if we may venture upon an estimate in a matter

in which so many difficult elements are involved. No church can do its full duty, and not put forth regular, active, and earnest effort for the unevangelized at its own doors.

Again, the need becomes more apparent when we reflect on the necessity of winning, or keeping, our own children; and the sad fact that we do not keep them. The church at large needs to labor more for their conversion and to retain them within its fold. This has peculiar application to us. Phelps asks the question, at least worthy of careful consideration, coming as it does from such a source: "If the natural law of increase in the line of Christian families should come under the power of the grace of God, without exceptions or intermissions, how long would it be before the relative *proportions* of the church and the world would be reversed?"

It is true, perhaps more than it is admitted, that some of us think evangelization is hardly a special work for us. Our standard is high, and consequently fewer care to measure up to it. The standard of other churches is lower, and church privileges can be secured without the same degree of self-denial. Consequently, persons do not care so much to enter our organization.

But whatever the difficulties, it is wise to believe that more successful evangelistic work could be done in our church, if more evangelistic spirit existed among us, more evangelistic desire burned within us, more evangelistic plans were formed, and more evangelistic effort were put forth. While the lower standards of other churches attract many whom we might otherwise get, it is also true that strictness, as well as leniency, appeals to God's children.

We must not lose sight of the work that has been done, and is being done. We should recognize it, and be grateful for it. Yet on this branch of the church's work we need not merely a reviving, but an awakening. We need not only more effort, but new knowledge and zeal.

We recommend:

1. That we recognize that means and methods will never in themselves work out the desired result, but that an increase of the Spirit's power for pulpit and pew is clearly essential.

2. That we recognize that our church, as well as all others, is solemnly bound to prosecute vigorously this, as certainly as other, departments of work.

3. That it is our conviction that evangelistic preaching and teaching should not be limited to a meagre presentation of truth, but should make known the different phases of Christian duty, so that converts may soon become stalwart thinkers and workers.

4. That we believe that personal approach to the unbeliever, on the part of layman as well as minister, is a necessary and much-neglected element in this work.

5. That the Evangelistic Committee for next year be requested to present a series of articles on this subject in the journals of the church; that they select and recommend in the same way a num-

ber of tracts that would be helpful in this work; that such tracts be prominently used by all evangelistic workers; and that the Home Study department of the Sabbath school be recommended as a means of pressing the claims of the gospel upon the unbelievers.

6. That another evangelistic meeting, similar to the one held during this Synod, be held before, or during, the sessions of next Synod; and that the arrangements be in the hands of the Evangelistic Committee of next year.

T. H. ACHISON,
J. M. WYLIE,
J. R. W. STEVENSON,
J. H. MCBURNEY,
J. S. DODDS.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Traveling Fund.

The Committee on Traveling Fund would report:

Full quotas from Presbyteries, $2,826.90, to which we add $3.50 rebate received by James Speer, a member of the court last year, and returned to Synod, making total receipts, $2,830.40. Total traveling expenses of members of Synod, $2,593.08, to which we add $11.00 expenses of Railroad Agent, making $2,604.08. Rebate to Presbyteries, $226.32. We present the following tabulated statement:

PRESBYTERIES	Quotas.	Expenses.	Deficit.	Surplus.	Rebate.	Due to Presbyteries.	Due from Presbyteries.
N. B. & N. S.	$42.30	$101.87	$59.57	....	$3.37	$62.94	....
Vermont....	39.00	54.56	15.56	....	3.11	18.67	....
New York...	538.50	501 22	....	$37.28	43.04	5.76	....
Rochester..	108.00	187.68	79.68	....	8.63	88.31	....
Philadelphia	192.60	120.26	....	72.34	15.82	....	$56 52
Pittsburgh..	637.20	327.26	....	309.94	50.92	....	259.02
Ohio	94.20	28.73	....	65.47	7.53	....	57.94
Lakes.....	184.50	85.42	....	99.08	14.75	....	84.33
Illinois.....	258.30	161.46	....	96.84	20.64	....	76.20
Iowa.....	251.70	207.04	....	44.66	20.11	....	24.55
Kansas.....	413.10	557.70	144.60	....	33.01	177.61	....
Colorado....	67.50	259.88	192.38	....	5.39	197.77	....
TOTALS..	$2826.90	$2593.08	$491.79	$725.61	$226.32	$551.06	$558.56

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL,
Chairman.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing on recommitted report reported. Item 5 adopted. Report adopted and is as follows :

Testimony Bearing.

The course of events in the ecclesiastical, industrial and political worlds combine with the forecast of prophecy to prove that we are moving toward a crisis that will test all that goes to make up the present conditions of society in a way and with a thoroughness seldom if ever known before in the history of the world. In all the overturning that is to come, of this one thing we are certain that the Kingdom of Christ will stand, and not only this, but that all who come into this kingdom and have their citizenship here will stand with it. For this reason the gospel of the kingdom with all its promises and requirements should be faithfully and fearlessly preached to all whom we may be able to reach.

This then is a time for heroic effort, a time for a firm stand for all that has been gained in the past. To urge the law of Christ the King in church and state with all that it requires and nothing that it does not require is for us the course of purity, of power and of real progress. This presidential year when new questions of great moment are added to all the old and unsettled issues before the people, emphasizes both the need and the difficulty of faithfulness. Every Covenanter has and should have a deep and an intelligent interest in the decision of these questions which mean so much for our country and for the world, yet in the face of these issues he is called on to testify to the broad and fundamental truth that our Lord Jesus should be recognized in the supreme law of the land, as having the right to decide all these questions, that in His law He has given the principles on which they should be decided, and furthermore that they never can be settled until His right and His law are acknowledged. On this position we are called to stand and testify until God opens the way for us to go forward. "Here is the faith and patience of the saints."

After holding this position all these years, it becomes us to be exceeding careful that nothing occurs to lower or befog our testimony for the purity of the doctrine, worship and discipline of Christ's Church, or for the extent and righteousness of Christ's mediatorial dominion over the state. Firm faith, clear thinking, and frank speech are required of us, together with that love of our Redeemer which will seek His honor above all things else, that affectionate regard for the Church that will lead us to guard her doors and respect her ordinances, and that fervent patriotism which will plead for our country's exaltation through righteousness. There are good people all over our land who are seeking to know and obey the truth. Even in the confusion of men's thinking, and in the light hold which they have on the past arises a possibility and a hope of better things. The promise of God cannot fail and our divine King must come to His Kingdom.

Dr. A. J. McFarland reports his work as follows: "The effort for the past two years has been to extend the work into churches outside our own. By so doing it was not necessary to take long and expensive journeys, but being in many places too far from brethren to have their valuable assistance in aranging meetings, I had to do more by correspondence and personal visits. This resulted in fewer meetings in these years compared with what had been done formerly, but it is hoped the fuller conference with ministers where hearings were obtained would in some degree make up for the deficiency.

The whole number of meetings in the year is 107. Of these, 35 were in Reformed Presbyterian Churches, 20 in Methodist, 18 in U. P., 16 in Presbyterian, 3 in Lutheran, 2 in Baptist, 2 in Congregational, 2 in Evangelical, 2 in Christian, 2 in Reformed and 5 in Public Halls.

In attendance and interest the meetings for the past year were no less encouraging than those held in preceding years. There was almost no disposition to antagonize the position maintained, but this was more the result of apathy regarding constitutional reform than of a hearty acceptance of these positions.

The traveling expenses in the work for the year were a little over $175, and the collections in the same time were $218. The receipts for the year have been $1,385.31, and the balance on hand May 1st, was $481.84.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That we renew our testimony to the right of the Lord Jesus Christ to rule over Church and State, and to the duty of every Christian to recognize and obey Him in bringing both ecclesiastical and political life into harmony with his revealed will.

2. That we renew our testimony against the inconsistency and sinfulness of all those professing to follow Christ and accept him as King, who, in the face of this profession, swear to carry on this government according to a law which leaves Christ out.

3. That we bear a like testimony against the sinfulness of those who bring into the worship of God in his church anything that he has not commanded or that let slip from the doctrines they profess any principle that he has revealed in his word.

4. That we nominate the Rev. Dr. A. J. McFarland to represent the Synod in the work of Testimony Bearing for the coming year.

5. That the same appropriation be made to Testimony Bearing as heretofore, and that this cause be recommended to the prayers and active co-operation of all our ministers and members.

W. J. Coleman.
Oliver Wylie.
B. M. Sharp.
R. J. Gault.
John T. Morton.

The Committee on Discipline reported. Items adopted. Report adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Discipline.

The Committee on Discipline respectfully report that Papers No. 17 and No. 19 have been placed in their hands.

Paper No. 17 contains two questions from Illinois Presbytery: 1. Where is the authority lodged to settle the time, place, and number of services in a congregation? 2. How may the congregation have a voice in the matter? The Committee recommends the following replies: The authority to settle the time, place, and number of services in a congregation is lodged in the session. The congregation may have a voice in the matter by petition to the session.

Paper No. 19 is a reference from Kansas Presbytery for advice. At its last regular meeting, Presbytery instructed the clerk to notify Rev. J. M. Littlejohn, one of its members, to show cause why his name should not be stricken from the rolls, as he had not attended the meetings for about five years, nor performed any work under its direction for three years. Presbytery forwards his reply dated May 14, 1900, with its request for advice. With the present information, the Committee recommends that the matter be left with the Presbytery.

D. B. Willson.
D. C. Faris.
J. C. McFeeters.
J. B. Dodds.
R. Speer.

Paper 23. Request by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union that Synod recommend the observance of the fourth Sabbath of November as Temperance Sabbath. Granted. D. C. Faris entered his dissent.

Paper 24. Resolution regarding appeal to the National Government. Referred to the Standing Committee on Testimony Bearing.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. Items adopted. Report adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

We have read with care the reports which put before this Synod the condition and work of the Theological Seminary, and Geneva College, and record our hearty appreciation of the faithfulness and earnestness with which the work of both has been accomplished during the year by the professors, and the watchful interest and constant care given by the respective boards.

We note with hearty approval the continuation of the plan

reported last year, by which the students of the seminary were afforded instruction in elocution and music, and heartily concur in the purpose to make this a permanent feature.

The report from the College is full of encouragement. We most heartily endorse the proposal of the Board to allow President Johnston to employ part of his time during the coming year, in soliciting funds, and students for the College; and we commend him to the generosity of our people. We emphasize the duty of parents, to place their children who are seeking higher education, in the *College of our own church*.

We recommend:

1. That young men be encouraged to devote themselves to the ministry of our church, and that presbyteries be urged to seek suitable employment for licentiates and students during their vacation.

2. That Dr. McAllister and Elder Walter T. Miller be elected to fill the vacancies on the Board, caused by the expiration of the terms of office to which they had been chosen, and that Elder John R. Steele be chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elder John Hunter.

3 That the claims of the College receive the most liberal consideration of our people this year of great prosperity.

4. That Mr. John T. Morton be elected Synod's member of the Board of Corporators to fill vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term to which he was elected.

5. That the College and Seminary share equally in the available funds for the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. Robb,
A. J. McFarland,
W. J. McKnight,
John W. Pritchard,
S. M. Orr.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The session began Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1899, and closed on Wednesday, May 2, 1900.

Nine students were in attendance, viz.:

Third year: Irving Aiken Blackwood, James Thompson Mitchell, Alpheus Waldo Stevenson.

Second year: Robert Clarke.

First year: Wilbur John McBurney, Hugh McCarroll, Edward Love McKnight, Herbert Brasson McMillan, Wilmer George Robb.

The students were present at the opening of the session except Messrs. Clarke, McMillan and Mitchell, all of whom entered on the second of October.

After the holidays, Mr. Stevenson did not return until Feb. 19. Mr. McKnight was called home on the twelfth of April.

Diplomas were given to Messrs. Blackwood and Stevenson of the third year, and certificates to their respective Presbyteries to Messrs. Mitchell of the third year and Clarke of the second.

Sixty dollars and seventy-five cents were appropriated out of the current funds of the Seminary to pay for elocution lessons taken by the students.

Prof. George has introduced into his department systematic instruction on the subject of foreign missions. The Board cordially approve of the addition to the course.

The Professors' reports, and an account of the closing exercises were published for the information of the church.

Elder John Hunter, who from the year 1884 until the time of his death had been a member of the Board, died at his home in Sterling Valley, on the twenty-ninth of Nov., 1899. By the regularity with which he attended the meetings, the interest he manifested in the proceedings, and his readiness to perform any service required of him, he showed that the welfare of the Seminary was his deep concern.

On Tuesday evening, May 1, in the Central Alleghany Church, Rev. W. J. Coleman, for friends in Mersina, presented to the Seminary a portrait of our late Missionary to Syria, the Rev. David Metheny, M.D. Dr. Stevenson accepted the gift in behalf of the Board, and Prof. Willson spoke for the Seminary.

The terms of Dr. McAllister and Elder Walter T. Miller have expired. Their successors, and also a member to take the place of Elder John Hunter, should be elected.

T. P. Stevenson,
Chairman.
J. W. Sproull,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The annual report of our Board of Trustees which we have ordered to be presented to Synod furnishes information concerning the work of the year, the changes in the Faculty, the attendance of students, the growth of the library, the state of the finances, the state of religion, and other matters of interest.

The Board of Corporators asks the special attention of Synod to the needs of the treasury. In these days of financial prosperity and of enlarged giving to educational institutions our College must not be permitted to languish through lack of material support. If in these propitious times we fail to secure the removal of debts upon the College property, and to provide for the proper equipment of the various departments and the increasing current

expenses of the College, we will certainly have cause to regret it, when times of financial stringency come upon the country. The prevailing disposition to discourage the increase of invested funds, for the cause of missions, should not be permitted to operate against the upbuilding of a larger endowment for the College. It is unreasonable to demand that our College shall be kept in the front rank with other denominational colleges with their large endowments unless we provide more ample means for its growth and development. It is with deep sorrow that we report to Synod the removal by death of one who was a member of the Board of Corporators from the time of its organization until the time of his decease, having been chosen to that position as their representative by the Presbytery of Rochester. The Board has placed upon its Records the following minute:

"While humbly submitting to the will of God who doeth all things well, we mourn the loss of our departed brother and fellow-counsellor, Mr. John Hunter, and place upon our Records this testimonial to his Christian character and life, and to his most valuable services in the founding and upbuilding of Geneva College. By princely gifts to her treasury, by his patronage of the College in the education of his children, and by wise and inspiring counsel in times of difficulty and discouragement, he proved himself a faithful and powerful friend of this institution. Geneva College laments his loss and honors his memory."

The term for which Mr. John T. Morton was elected Synodical member of the Board has expired, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting. The Board of Corporators heartily endorses the request of the Board of Trustees that $3,000 be appropriated for the current fund of the College this year, and asks that an appropriation be also made for the library fund. The President of the Board of Corporators and the President of the College will represent the interests of the College on the floor of Synod.

T. P. Stevenson,
President.
R. J. George,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

The Board of Trustees in presenting this our annual report to you, and through you to the church, would, with gratitude, recognize the hand of our reigning Lord, who has given a quiet and successful year in our college work. While the increase in the number of students was small, yet there was an increase, and effective work has been done.

The Religious Condition of the school is very satisfactory. While there has been no marked manifestation of spiritual power, there has been a steady growth in the religious life of the students. The work of the various Christian associations of the college has

been carried on as in past years. There are only a few of the students who are not members of some of the evangelical churches.

The Library. The Board expended above $253 on new books, and donations of books were received from Mrs. David Gregg of Allegheny, Pa.; Mrs. M. J. Campbell, of Rochester, N. Y.; and others. The Librarian reports that the students have taken added interest, and make increased use of the advantages the library affords. The church should do more for this important arm of the college.

Finances. The finances of the college are not in a very flourishing condition, as will be seen from a study of the Treasurer's report. If the Synod requires the Board to live within its means, the church should furnish the needed means that the college may live. Your Board is in debt. It is in debt for the two thousand dollars appropriated for repairs by Synod, which has to be returned to Synod's Board of Trustees, because of a failure to secure the money expected. We appeal to the church for three thousand dollars for the coming year. All this will be needed if the Board is to close the year free from debt.

Besides this debt, there is still great need for suitable apparatus for the Science Hall. This fine building is comparatively useless until this can be obtained. Will not some to whom God has given abundant means, give the money needed to procure this equipment for college work?

The Gymnasium has been open the college year, and has proved of great benefit to the health and physical development of the students. Both the President and Faculty seek to have the athletic contests kept honest, to be a benefit, not an injury, to the students.

The athletic field purchased for the college by President Johnston, and partly paid for with funds secured from the Alumni and friends of the institution, will become a valuable property in a few years, and we hope that in the increased prosperity of the nation, the remaining debt on both this field and the Science Hall will soon be liquidated.

The Faculty. There have been changes in the Faculty. Mr. A. T. Smith was chosen Principal of the Preparatory Department and served with satisfaction through the year, and has been re-elected for another year. Miss May Faris has also been re-elected as assistant in this department for another year. Prof. William McCracken resigned the chair of Natural Science, and his brother Archibald filled his place satisfactorily until the close of the college year, and has been elected to the chair of Natural Science. Prof. W. H. Willson, having been elected to the chair of Mathematics in Wooster, resigned his place in Geneva at the close of the year. Both Prof. William McCracken and Prof. Willson did good work in the college, and while the Board feels their going from us keenly, we hope that success may attend their labor in their new fields. Your Board felt the need of wisdom and divine direction in the choice of their successors.

The number of students attending your college this year was 206. Of these, six were graduated from the Classical, four from the Scientific Department, two from the Oratorical, and three from the Department of Music, at the late Commencement.

Prof. W. P. Johnston has been granted leave of absence, in case he can have his classes provided for, to present the interests of the college wherever he has opportunity.

In conclusion, we ask the church for an appropriation of three thousand dollars the coming year. We ask parents to give their daughters and sons to Geneva.

Respectfully submitted,

A. KILPATRICK,
President.
J. R. WYLIE,
Secretary.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Miss Wylie was heard. Items adopted.

R. M. Sommerville received leave of absence after this afternoon session.

Recess was taken. Prayer by T. J. Allen.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by S. J. Crowe.

The calling of the roll was omitted.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Voted that the remaining copies of the Memorial Volume be sold for twenty-five cents, and of the Covenant for ten cents.

Discussion of the report on Foreign Missions was resumed. Report adopted and is as follows:

Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reports that the only paper referred to it is the report of the Foreign Mission Board. In reviewing this report Synod may congratulate the Board, the missionaries, the converts, and the whole church, on the results of the year's work

That the church should have swept past the goal set in the appropriation made by Synod last year, and should have gone beyond the expenses of the year by more than one thousand dollars is ground for commendation of our people, and of profound thankfulness to God. The proposal of one congregation to support its own missionary in the foreign field can hardly fail to fire other congregations with like missionary zeal.

The report indicates that all the missionaries employed by the Board have abounded in labors and sacrifices, while such devoted and efficient services as that of Miss Cunningham left alone in

Suadia; and such signal self-sacrifice as was displayed by Mr. and Mrs. McBurney in their mutual agreement that he should return alone to his work in China, leaving her alone in her weakness, at home, excites the admiration of the church.

Miss Mattie R. Wylie having returned home for rest is entitled to and will receive a loving welcome from the church she has served so faithfully and for so many years.

All the lady teachers have strong claims upon the church's sympathy and appreciation in their wearisome, unremitting toil in the unceasing care of the boys and girls in the boarding schools.

It is a matter of gratification to the friends of the missions to find in the report favorable mention of the services of such native workers as Yusef Libnany, Sulieman and Ibrahim, and also learn of the accession to the fellowship of our church of Dr. Bairamian and family and Rev. Haratune Sarkissian.

The accompanying statistical report prepared with much labor by the missionaries in the field in connection with the corresponding secretary, giving tables of Missionaries, Native Helpers, Church Statistics, Educational Statistics and Medical Summary, presents in a classified form a view of the work and workers, the contributions and the expenses in each field and furnishes information in convenient form for reference and use.

We make the following recommendations on matters suggested in the report for Synod's action.

1. That while sympathizing with Dr. Metheny in his arduous labors and impaired health, yet in view of the fact that our missionaries in China are without a physician, Synod acquiesces in the decision of the Board that it would be unwarranted to increase the medical force in Tarsus at present.

2. In the matter of the requests of missionaries in Cyprus for a Greek evangelist, and for liberty to open a Protestant High School, we recommend that the question of such enlargement of the work there be left to the discretion of the Board having in its view the expense involved in the resources available and the comparative needs of other fields, under its care.

3. That Synod approves of the action of the Board in the appointment of Miss Jennie Torrence as missionary teacher to Tak Hing and assures Miss Torrence that she goes forth with the affectionate regard and prayers of the church at home.

4. That Synod commends the carefulness of the Board in the selection of a physician for the Chinese field, believing that delay is less perilous to the interests of the mission and to the welfare of the missionaries than mistake in appointment; at the same time Synod expresses its earnest desire that at the earliest possible moment a physician shall be sent to this field, and to this end seconds the appeal of the Board to well-qualified physicians among our people to offer themselves for this noble work.

5. As to the best method of developing the work in China, whether by sending out additional teachers and opening schools,

or by increasing the number of ordained ministers, Synod will depend with confidence on the wisdom of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the well-informed judgment of the missionaries now in the field, guided by the Spirit of God and His providential hand.

6. Synod approves the action of the Board in adopting the resolution of the Conference of Mission Boards as to "specific object-giving" as found in the report and commends it to the consideration of the Congregations, Missionary and Young People's Societies and to all our people in their plans for advancing the mission cause.

R. J. George,
C. D. Trumbull,
Isaiah Faris,
Geo. W. Walker,
T. C. Speer.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The Board of Foreign Missions, in presenting a brief report of the work entrusted to its administration, desires to record its profound gratitude to God for many tokens of His favor. Shadows have fallen on some homes and the work has not been without discouraging features, but lives have been spared and a fair measure of success has attended every department of the service. There has been no failure in the watchful care of God.

The annual statements of the several Missions, which will be published in connection with this paper, render details unnecessary.

On returning to Syria, June 3, 1899, after an absence of fourteen months, Rev. James S. Stewart was confronted with a difficulty that has put his patience and administrative tact to a severe test. "The cause of the gospel," he writes, "has suffered seriously through the actions of two of our native helpers, one of whom is a licentiate and both of whom are ruling elders in the Latakia Church. Almost a year ago they resigned their positions, and since then have failed to support the cause with which they had been so long identified, even if they should be exonerated from efforts to oppose it. The course of these men has done much to discourage and divide our own people and also to encourage opposition, whilst at the same time it has shown their own unfitness to serve as guides and rulers of the people. Such trials as these should not discourage us, but should lead us to redouble our diligence, and to plead earnestly for more spiritual power." And this obstacle still lies in the way of progress.

In Suadia, too, Miss Cunningham has had to encounter difficulties that have demanded courage and taxed her energies to the utmost. Alone, except when friends from Antioch or some other Mission paid her a brief visit, she has labored without any rest since October, 1898, superintending two boarding schools, holding clinics, and in many other ways seeking to preach Christ.

And yet, notwithstanding this heavy drain on her nervous force, she is in fine spirits and fairly good health. Evidently her strength for service is in Him, Who quickeneth by His indwelling Spirit even the mortal bodies of all, who, like Count Zinzendorf, can say, "I have one passion, and that is He, only He." If Rev. J. B. Dodds, who has been away from the field, though not idle, as many churches will gladly testify, for twenty months, is able to return, as he has promised the Board, not later than September, his return will lighten the burden of responsibility that a noble woman has borne so long without a complaint.

These discouraging circumstances, while they may have retarded, have not completely arrested the progress of the work in Syria, and may in the long run result in its greater efficiency. The Mission is able to report 216 communicants, a net increase of eighteen after deducting deaths and dismissions and allowing for a slight mistake in the statistics returned last year; 434 pupils under instruction every week day, and 353 every Sabbath; devotedness on the part of many native helpers and a growing interest in the school work among the very class of people that the Mission is seeking to reach with gospel truth.

Miss Mattie R. Wylie is now in this country, after more than nine consecutive years of loyal service, at her post in Latakia every hour of that time except three breathing spells of fifteen or twenty days, as when she attended the Conference of Christian Workers held at Brummana, Mount Lebanon, in August, 1898. While she is away from the field it will be necessary, in the absence of a supernumerary teacher so often asked for in vain, to transfer Miss Edgar to the Girls' Boarding School and Mr. Stewart will resume his former position at the head of the Boys' School. But as soon as Miss Wylie returns Miss Edgar will again be placed in charge of the Boys' School, which she has conducted with such efficiency for two years and for which she has shown such admirable qualifications. For it is the determination of the Board that in future ordained ministers shall not be called to spend their time as school teachers, but shall be free to travel everywhere, and, as they go, preach the gospel. Rev. C. A. Dodds, who reached Syria December 3, 1899, is engaged in the study of the Arabic and doing what he can, without a knowledge of the language, to serve the church.

The story of Tarsus Mission, as told in the report of the Mission is a glowing picture of success. Obviously the brethren in that field have been reaching out in many directions, meeting with a cordial reception everywhere, and encountering no opposition but ridicule for their Christian enthusiasm. The evangelistic work of Yusef Libnany, who was licensed by the Syrian Commission, Oct. 6, 1899, in Tarsus, is highly commended, as well as that of Sulieman in Oba, and of Ibrahim in Adana. The only rivalry among these native teachers seems to be the noble rivalry as to who can do most to exalt Christ in the communities where they labor. In the Mersina Boarding Schools which are in charge of Miss McNaughton and Miss Sterrett, who returned from a brief

furlough in America, September, 1899, special attention has been given to the religious instruction of the pupils, and it is the earnest prayer of these devoted women that the truth may reach the hearts and mould the lives of the 209 boys and girls under their care last winter. The Mission speaks of large attendance at Sabbath services and crowded prayer meetings during the week; an accession of ten to the membership of the church, making 72 communicants, a net increase of nine; and 281 children under daily religious instruction.

Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, who was ordained to the Eldership Oct. 5, 1899, will, with the consent of the Board, spend a few months in Scotland for the benefit of his health. The Mission asks permission to appoint another physician as assistant to Dr. Metheny, pleading the arduous labors of the medical missionary, the breadth of the field, and the fact that "the ultimate power of medical work has not been reached." The Board, however, does not endorse this request, as in its judgment neither the extent of the field nor the interests of the work demand an increase of the medical staff, nor would justify the expenditure.

Crossing to Cyprus it is found that the work there has also had its discouragements. The number of communicants, notwithstanding a large accession of 20 during a year, has been reduced to 22 by removal from the island and other causes. There are representatives of the Church in the leading cities of the island, even in the Paphos of the Acts on the west coast, which Mr. Easson visited in February and welcomed Dr. Bairamian and family into the fellowship of the church. Nicosia, the capital, is the home of Rev. Haratune Sarkissian, formerly a Congregational pastor in Asia Minor, who at a special meeting of the Syrian Commission, was, after careful examination, received into the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The colporteurs and Bible readers have their headquarters in Larnaca and Limassol.

The whole island is open to the gospel. Dr. Moschou, pastor of the Evangelical Church of Smyrna, visited Cyprus last year, and in his report to the Greek Evangelical Union bears this impartial testimony: "I landed at Limassol and remained there a whole week. . . . At the close of the first meeting, one said to me, 'I cannot express to you how much the people feel the want of preaching. They do not simply thirst — they are mad for the word of God. . . . The Mayor of the town came in once; the Greek Vice-Consul once, and also one of the members of the Cyprus Parliament. . . . A man and his wife were strengthened in their decision to follow the Lord at all costs. Some others were spoken to. An old man was so enthusiastic that he said, "Should these meetings continue for years I would never leave off coming to hear; and if I should ever become a paralytic, I would gladly pay a man to carry me to this place. . . . In Larnaca the Greek meetings were held at the American chapel, and opportunities were given me to address the patients at Dr. Moore's clinics. He also drove me out to a large village about fifteen miles away, called Dâli, where we had a good audience in the evening, and

many patients to address in the morning. It was altogether a happy time full of opportunities." At every point he echoes the opinion of our own missionaries. He unites with them in saying: "The great need of Cyprus is to have one Greek evangelist, who might stay in one town and visit the others from time to time for a longer or shorter period." "We trust," adds Mr. Easson, "that you will give us permission soon to try and find one." And then he continues, "We also need a good school in which Greek and English would be taught. The Greek orthodox and Catholic schools are both used against us and their students threatened with expulsion, if they come to our chapel either for preaching or for Sabbath school, and as there is no other way for them to get an education they are bound to obey. A good Protestant High School would remove this hindrance, for those in authority would not dare to enforce such a law, as the children would have a school to go to and would not care." "Many," reasons Dr. Moore, "send their children to Beirut and pay their board there, who, if we had a school, would send to us. With $500 we can make the experiment."

In these three fields at the Head of the Mediterranean, whose condition and claims have been so briefly reviewed, there are 310 native communicants, a net gain of seventeen.

The reports of the medical missionaries, showing a total attendance at clinics of 4,000 in Syria, 5,984 in Asia Minor, and 6,000 in Cyprus, give a good idea of the value of this department of the Church's work as an evangelistic agency. For particulars in regard to this and other branches of the service, the churches are urged to read the annual statements of the Mission, and especially to examine the tabulated statistics, which, prepared in a new form, will go with this report into the hands of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and when published will show at a glance the actual condition of the work.

A word or two will suffice respecting the work in China, which is now beginning to take form. Soon after the last meeting of the Synod Rev. Elmer McBurney returned to his post, leaving an invalid wife at home, and in the true spirit of a Christian soldier going back alone at the command of the Great Captain. Since the 20th of November, 1899, Mr. McBurney having reached China the first day of that month, the missionaries have been settled at Tak Hing. The new house, after many delays and hindrances, was begun in December and in April was ready for the roof. In the meantime the missionaries have been living in a section of the Chinese building that was bought with the lot, where, as Mr. Robb puts it, "We enjoy much comfort, even if our dining room floor is not polished hard wood, nor, in fact, wood of any kind."

In a recent letter he thus speaks of the work: "We have had a male helper during the year and for the past three months have had a Bible woman. We have a meeting with the men every evening for worship and the chapel is open six days in the week for preaching. Much seed has been sown and we can see some effects of it. There are two men and several women who are now

worshipping the true God and relying on Christ to save them, but as yet no one has been received into the church. No one of them has asked to be admitted, and we are waiting for them to apply. Whether they will be able to stand the persecution or not remains to be seen The city has recently been placarded by unknown persons who have made indescribably foul charges against us, and made covert threats against all who have anything to do with us. Many people are afraid to come to us any more, and two women who came once, some time ago, have been kept at home ever since, and are not allowed to leave the house. There are more than one in Tak Hing who are bearing persecution because they have shown confidence in us, in some cases, and in others because they are turning away from idols to the living God. This is cause for much prayer, but we do not think it an unfavorable sign at all. Persecution is a sure sign that the devil is being hurt, or is afraid of getting hurt."

The Board has appointed, as missionary teacher to Tak Hing, Miss Jennie Torrence of Denison, Kansas, whose application was accompanied by testimonials as to ability and experience in teaching as well as consecrated Christian womanhood, of the highest order, and who has since passed the requisite physical examination. If the Synod approves of this action, Miss Torrence will be sent out in September or early in October. Two other young women have made application and have laid before the Board certificates that indicate peculiar fitness for the service. But no action will be taken until Synod decides to what extent school work is to be carried on in the new field.

The need of a physician is very urgent. Mr. Robb has ministered to many needy ones and turned many away, because he did not know how to help them. In his opinion none should be sent out, men or women, whose characters are not fully established, and so are strong enough to resist the tremendous increasing pressure of heathen surroundings. Exceptional strength of Christian character is a prime requisite.

As regards the finances of the Missions the Board is glad that at the close of the fiscal year its Treasurer was able to report a further reduction of over one thousand dollars on the debt of the current account fund. The receipts from all sources for the Syrian Mission were $22,756.01. The contributions of congregations amounted to $9,073.62, a little less than last year, but, when the offerings of Sabbath Schools, Missionary Societies and individuals are added, we have $16,136.42, or more than eleven hundred dollars in excess of the Synodical appropriation. It is to be borne in mind, too, that the churches have also given $3,428.98 for the Chinese Mission. This is a fine record. Evidently the foreign missionary enterprise has a strong hold on the hearts of many in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and, when all are fully instructed as to the claims that the Lord Christ has on their co-operation in carrying forward the work that "He began to do" during His earthly ministry, the offerings for this purpose will be increased manifold. Indeed, there is not wanting evidence that

in many places the people are more alive to their responsibility in this regard than ever before. At the last meeting of the Board a letter was read from Rev. R. C. Montgomery, pastor of the Third Church of the Covenanters in Philadelphia, in which he said that the congregation had taken the necessary steps and was now ready to offer to support its own missionary in the foreign field. At a meeting called early in May to consider the matter, pledges were taken from the members present, amounting to more than twelve hundred dollars The time is ripe for others to imitate this example. The spirit of the age demands a forward movement, and the motto of every congregation should be: A pastor at home and a representative abroad.

One great difficulty that the Board has to contend with from the view point of finance is object giving. When the Board is unable to appropriate money for some specific purpose the missionaries appeal to friends at home for money to be used at their discretion, and in response some society or individual will send a special offering to the field. The tendency is to dry up the regular sources of supply and to leave the impression that the interests of the Board and the Mission are not identical, perhaps conflicting. In the hope of obviating this difficulty the Board has adopted, as expressive of its views on the subject, the following resolution, submitted for consideration by the Seventh Conference of Foreign Mission Boards in the United States and Canada : " In view of the serious and increasing complications incident to special object giving outside of the regular appropriations, and to the assignment of individual native helpers and pupils and particular schools and other institutions within them, we recommend that so far as practicable special object givers be advised to contribute towards one or more of of the follywing classes of work approved by the Board and included in the regular appropriations for a given station or Mission, taking shares therein without more specific designation, save in the first class, in which individuals may be wisely assigned:

1. Missionaries.
2. Evangelistic work.
3. Educational work.
4. Medical work.
5. Miscellaneous, including new buildings, etc."

Respectfully submitted,

In the name of the Board,

R. M. Sommerville,
Cor. Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

MISSIONARIES.

	LATAKIA, SYRIA.	SUADIA, SYRIA.	MERSINA, ASIA MINOR	CYPRUS.	TAK HING CHINA.
Ordained Ministers.	2	1	1	1	2
Physicians (Elders)	1	0	1	1	0
Single Women	3	1	2	0	0
Wives.....	3	1	2	2	2
Total (including wives).....	9	3	6	4	4

NATIVE HELPERS.

	LATAKIA, SYRIA.	SUADIA, SYRIA.	MERSINA, ASIA MINOR	CYPRUS.	TAK HING CHINA.
Ordained Preachers	0	0	0	1	0
Unordained Preachers.....	3	1	3	2	0
Teachers (men)	8	1	5	1	1
Teachers (women) .	5	1	1	0	0
Bible Women.....	1	1	2	0	1
Other Native Helpers.....	3	0	6	3	0
Total.....	20	4	17	7	2

CHURCH STATISTICS.

	LATAKIA, SYRIA.	SUADIA, SYRIA.	MERSINA, ASIA MINOR	CYPRUS.	TAK HING CHINA.
Outstations, Places of Preaching.....	4	0	2	4	1
Organized Churches	2	0	0	0	
Churches Entirely Self-Supporting ..	0	0	0	0	Work only begun
Communicants.....	196	20	72	22	
Added this year....	9	4	10	20	
Adherents.....	350	80	Not Given	160	
Average Attendance	350	70	225	64	
Sabbath Schools....	2	1	2	1	
S. S. Membership...	290	63	165	115	

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

	LATAKIA, SYRIA.	SUADIA, SYRIA.	MERSINA, ASIA MINOR	CYPRUS.	TAK HING CHINA.
Students in Collegiate Training....	1	0	0	0	No Schools yet in Operation.
Boarding Schools ..	2	2	2	0	
Pupils, Boys	88*	43*	48	0	
Pupils, Girls.....	123*	28*	36	0	
Other Schools.....	4	0	3	1	
Pupils, Boys	114	0	127	10	
Pupils, Girls	37	0	70	5	
Total under Instructions	363	71	281	15	
Schools Entirely Self-Supporting ..	0	0	0	0	
United with the Church during year	9	4	9	1	

*Of these, 65 Boys and 83 Girls attend the Boarding Schools but live at home.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

	LATAKIA, SYRIA.	SUADIA, SYRIA.	MERSINA, ASIA MINOR	CYPRUS.	TAK HING CHINA.
	Piasters.	Piasters.			
Native for Church and Congregational Expenses..	1,668	0	Not	£9 0 6½	Work only begun
Native for Education.....	0	0	Itemized.		
Native for Home and Foreign Missions	781	813			
Total Native Contributions...	2,449	813	$65.70	£9 0 6½	
Appropriated by the Board for Mission Expenses, less salaries of Missionaries	$5,882,00	$3,849.16	$1,574.00	$1,212.00	$500.00

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

	LATAKIA, SYRIA.	SUADIA, SYRIA.	MERSINA, ASIA.	CYPRUS.	TAK HING CHINA.
Number of Hospitals	1	No Physician	1	0	No Physician
Number of Beds	12		6	0	
Number of In-Patients	90		Not Given	0	
Number of Dispensaries	1		1	1	
Number of Out-Patients (including clinics)	4,000		5,984	6,000	
Total Expenses (including Assistants)	Piasters. 19,958	....	Piasters. Not Given	Not Given	....
Receipts in Fees	12,360	....	9,186.26	Not Given	....

Dr. John Pearson, representative of the American Bible Society, was heard.

E. A. Crooks and L. M. Patterson were excused.

The Committee on Nominations were directed to name a committee to submit a resolution respecting the American Bible Society Reported. J. C. McFeeters, D. C. Martin, C. D. Trumbull, L. M. Patterson and E. W. Hosack were made this committee.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. Items adopted. Report adopted and is as follows:

Home Missions.

The Committee would respectfully report; That the following papers have been referred to us:

1. The Report of the Central Board of Missions.
2. Report of the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia.
3. Report of the Jewish Mission in Cincinnati.
4. Petition of the Oakland Chinese Mission.
5. An item of the report of Lakes Presbytery with reference to the Jewish Mission in Cincinnati.

From these papers it appears that the various missions in the home field have prospered during the past year to an encouraging degree. The cheering fact is also indicated that the contributions to the Domestic Mission Fund were sufficient to meet the over-draft of last year, and to pay in full the appropriations made to the different Presbyteries But on the other hand it is found that there is a deficit in the Southern Mission account of $524.65, and in the Indian Mission account of $499.80.

The congregations under the care of the Central Board are generally located in important centres, and should receive the heartiest encouragement and support from the entire church.

The growth of the work in the Southern Mission made it necessary to increase the force employed, while all the laborers were taxed to their full ability.

The work gives evidence that it is making encouraging progress. Several changes have been made in the working staff of the Indian Mission, yet the new laborers adapt themselves to their positions with readiness, and all the missionaries are toiling with much zeal and success.

The Divine blessing so manifestly bestowed on the Southern and Indian Missions encourages and calls the church to still greater liberality and more earnest prayer in their support.

On account of the removal of the family of Rev. N. R. Johnston to the East, Mrs. Johnston has resigned her position as Superintendent of the Chinese Mission, which she had so acceptably filled; and no arrangement now exists for continuing the work in that field.

The Chinese in connection with the Mission have petitioned the Synod to send an ordained missionary to labor among them, and the Board asks the judgment of Synod itself with reference to the continuing of the work in Oakland.

The Jewish Missions in Philadelphia and Cincinnati continue under the care of the Presbyteries of Philadelphia and the Lakes. The work in the former appears to be carried forward with increasing energy and success. In the latter the work has been seriously crippled for the present by the death of its founder and efficient friend, Rev. J. C. Smith.

The Board brings to the attention of Synod the question as to the future of this Mission, and the Lakes Presbytery heartily recommends the continuation of the work, as prosecuted under the care of Miss Mary Patterson with good results; and asks that the Mission share in the funds.

We recommend the following:

1. That the report of the Central Board of Missions be published.
2. That the Jewish Mission in Cincinnati be continued, under the supervision of a committee to be appointed by the Lakes Presbytery; and that it share in the common fund for Jewish Missions this year.
3. That Synod grant the petition of the Oakland Chinese Mission; and that a committee be appointed to secure a laborer for that field; and that if this cannot be done, the Synod proceed to elect a missionary; and that a day be appointed for a collection for the support of this work.

D. H. Coulter,
N. R. Johnston,
H. G. Foster,
G. Cunningham,
W. F. Willson.

Report of the Central Board of Missions.

The Central Board of Missions would respectfully report:

We have held twelve regular meetings during the year, all of which were well attended. Rev. B. M. Sharp, who was elected a member at last meeting of Synod, has met with us.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

We are glad to be able to state that the contributions to this fund have been sufficient to enable us to pay in full the appropriations made by Synod to the different Presbyteries. We are confident that all that is needed, that this department of church work receive the support it should is that our members be made acquainted with its needs.

That the Presbyteries may pay promptly those in their employ, the Board has decided to make distribution of the Domestic Mission Fund on hand at the July, October, January and April meetings. Attention is called to the following recommendation adopted at the last meeting of Synod (Minutes, p. 127), "Resolved that Presbyteries receive appropriations only as needed." The Presbytery, not the Board, must decide as to the amount of work done and in its report to the Board should state exactly what is necessary to meet the obligations incurred, without specifying for what particular congregations or stations the money is needed. Attention to this will prevent delay in forwarding remittances as well as confusion.

Chicago. Rev. J. M. Wylie resigned his position as missionary to Chicago at our meeting held on the 21st of June, 1899. Since then the congregation has supplied itself part of the time, and part of the time has been supplied by the Board. We have endeavored to secure a competent person to take charge of the work there, but thus far have failed. Chicago is a most important centre. The number of members, as reported, is thirty-two. They are united and hopeful. The session has been enlarged by the addition of two members.

Receipts.

From Congregations		$4,501 21
From Dividend		1,592,65
From Bequests and other Sources		3,169 90
		$9,263 76

Expenditures.

Balance Overdrawn	$1,006 61	
Expenditures	8,087 18	
		$9,093 79
Balance		$ 169 97

We ask for this Mission $6,000 00.

SOUTHERN MISSION.

The school opened on Monday, Oct. 2nd, 1899, with a large attendance. The enrollment for the year was 640; average attendance, 458. On account of the large number of scholars it was found necessary to arrange for eight grades instead of seven as last year. Miss Lulu Hunt and Miss Kate Woods were given charge of the second and third.

The attendance in the primary room reached at one time 130. Miss Louise Kynett was employed as an assistant for Mrs. Simms.

Miss Elizabeth Miller of Beaver Falls, Pa., has been working in the school since the first of January. She made no charge for her services but Mr. McIsaac has paid her fifteen dollars per month to help cover her necessary expenses. She has assisted in the rooms in the forenoon and has taken charge of Miss Beattie's room in the afternoons. Mrs. McIsaac kindly substituted for Miss Walker in the afternoon, thus allowing the latter to teach music, vocal and instrumental.

The teachers are as follows: Room No. 1, Miss Simms; No. 2, Miss Hunt; No. 3, Miss Woods; No. 4, Miss Hobbie; No. 5, Miss Beattie, in place of Miss Pollock, unable to return on account of sickness; No. 6, Miss Kingston; No. 7, Miss Walker; No. 8, Miss McCartney. There will be a graduating class this year of eight, two boys and six girls.

But little has been done in the industrial department the present year on account of the large attendance of scholars, requiring all the time of the teachers in the school work. Since the beginning of January, when Miss Miller began to assist in the work, Miss Beattie has devoted her afternoons to teaching sewing, and Mr. McIsaac has had classes two afternoons in the week in industrial work.

The sessions in the country schools have been rather shorter than usual this winter. The Valley Creek School, in charge of Mr. Phillips opened the second week in November, and closed the first of April. The enrollment was thirty and average attendance twenty-two.

The Pleasant Grove School, in charge of Mr. Pickens, was in session about five months. The enrollment was fifty-five, and average attendance forty. Summer sessions of about two months will be held in both of these places.

Church work has moved on about as usual. At the fall communion there was an accession of nine, eight of whom were from the school, and at the spring, of three.

The average attendance in the Sabbath schools was, in Selma morn-school, 110; afternoon school, 240; in Pleasant Grove, 38; in Valley Creek, 45; in Pine Grove, 40; total, 473.

This last, Pine Grove, is a new school conducted by Mr. McIsaac. There are enrolled in it about sixty children.

On account of the increased expenses, the surplus from the school will not be as large as formerly.

Total Receipts	$885 44
Total Expenditures	850 31
Balance	$ 35 13

Rev. T. P. Stevenson, Mr. J. S. Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, made brief visits to the Mission. "We all appreciated," Mr. McIsaac writes, "very highly, the visits of these friends, and would like to see others of our people follow their example."

We call the attention of Synod to the condition of this fund. The treasury is reported as overdrawn to the amount of $524.65. The mission was never in a more prosperous condition — or doing better

work. This is not the time to curtail our operations in the South. They should be enlarged. Will not pastors and elders exert themselves to raise the full amount asked for?

Receipts.

From Congregations		$1,829 12
From Dividend		232 23
From Bequests and other Sources		2,811 99
		$4,873 34

Expenditures.

Balance Overdrawn	$ 959 25	
Expenditures	4,438 74	
Balance Overdrawn		$ 524 65

We ask for this mission $5,000 00.

INDIAN MISSION.

There has been an unusual number of changes in this mission in the personnel of the workers. Miss Walkinshaw, on account of ill-health resigned as laundress; Mr. W. W. Humphreys has taken the place of Mr. Robb, who returned to his farm in Kansas. Miss Staley, now Mrs. Wm. B. Hay, resigned, and her place was taken by Mrs. Carithers for five weeks, and from late in October until the middle of April, by Miss Alice Carithers. Since that time Miss Mary Moore has been employed as a regular teacher. Miss Mary Willson takes the place of Miss Speer, who resigned. The working force has been increased by Mrs. Humphries (formerly Miss White), who is a regular practicing physician.

"It is due the workers," Mr. Carithers writes, "to bear witness to the readiness with which they have co-operated in the work, and at times when it was particularly arduous because of the lack of sufficient help, there was no disposition to grumble but all cheerfully united in trying to make the best use of the opportunities we had.

"Mention should also be made of the excellent spirit shown among the workers in planning the best things for the mission and in doing their full share in carrying them out. Those who have left our ranks are following us with their prayers and efforts and continue to give good aid to the work here."

The total enrollment in the school was 65; number of days school was in session, 274; total aggregate number of days attendance, 13,404. The whole school read in the Bible from the 1st Psalm through John, 5th chapter. The number of questions committed in the Shorter Catechism, 1225, in Brown's 1420. Reviewed in the Shorter. 1867. The Penny collections, amounting to $35.00 were sent to China and India. Music lessons were given to the whole school. One hour of each day was given to industrial training.

Preaching has been held at the mission each Sabbath afternoon, and in the forenoon either at the Apache Camp (eight miles from the mission), or at Mt. Scott (twelve miles distant), with interested audiences in every case. A number seem almost persuaded but are held back by some circumstance in their surroundings.

It was found necessary to warn our members "against the practices of the Medicine Men as opposed to Christianity," "consisting as these do of incantations and appeals to spirits and devils. This aroused the Medicine Men to violent opposition. In various ways they have hindered some who were disposed to be baptized."

Rev. J. C. McFeeters assisted at the communion held June 18th, 1899, and Rev. D. C. Martin at that held April 15th, 1900. There was an accession at the former of two new members and at the latter of three. "The Indians seem to enjoy these communions very much. They are of great advantage," Mr. Carithers writes, "spiritually." All of the members do not make equal progress "in spiritual things. There are, however, but very few who do not manifest an interest in their growth in grace."

There was some sickness in the mission. But one death occurred, that of a member. The health of all on the whole has been good. On the 22nd of April the boys' building was struck by lightning, the marks of which are still to be seen. The teacher and children were mercifully preserved from harm.

Mention ought to be made of the thoughtful kindness of friends in Sharon and Morning Sun congregations who donated to the mission a drilling machine; of the Women's Missionary Societies by whom the mission was equipped with iron bedsteads; of Elder James Dougherty of Sterling, Kansas, who has given months of work to the mission without compensation, and of numerous friends who by contributions of clothing and eatables have aided the work and saved expense. The workers were cheered during the year by visits from a number of brethren, among whom was Rev. T. Patton, who remained over the Sabbath and spoke to the Indians.

The attention of Synod is also called to the condition of this fund. Last year a balance of $222.15 was reported. This year there is a deficit of $499.80. Our work in this field has been signally blessed. In order that it be carried on as it now is, the amount asked for, $3,000, should be raised. Nothing less will do.

Receipts.

Balance	$ 222 15
From Congregations	1,316 34
From Bequests and other Sources	2,158 23
	$3,696 72

Expenditures.

Expenditures	$4,196 52
Balance Overdrawn	499 80

We ask for this mission $3,000 00.

CHINESE MISSION.

Mrs. Johnston has continued in charge of this mission during the year. She has been assisted by Lew Yen, Miss Grace Johnston, and Miss Alice Wood, who took the place of the latter for a short time.

The number of scholars enrolled was 43. Four were baptized. The number of resident members is 14. One of the members, Ning Sing, died during the year. The collections amounted to $79.00; $53.00 of which were applied to mission purposes, and $26,00 to charity. Mr. Johnston preached and labored in the mission as health and strength permitted. He dispensed, unassisted, the Lord's Supper twice since last meeting of Synod. In view of the work done by him during the past year, the Board made an appropriation to him of $50.00 out of the mission funds. On account of the removal of the family to the east Mrs. Johnston resigned her position as superintendent, a position for which she was admirably fitted and the duties of which she discharged to the entire satisfaction of the Board. No arrangement for continuing the work after Synod has been made. Since the departure of Mrs. Johnston in the middle of April, Mrs. Borland, recommended by Mrs. Johnston as a suitable person, for the position, assisted by Lew Yen, has had charge. We ask the judgment of Synod itself with reference to the continuing of the work in Oakland.

In response to the appeal issued by the Board, enough money was received to enable us to meet the monthly expenses.

Receipts.

Balance	$497 88
From Congregations	140 00
Dividend	5 13
Bequests and other Sources	174 06
	$817 07
Expenditures	784 75
Balance	$ 32 32

JEWISH MISSION.

We have complied with Synod's directions with reference to the missions in Cincinnati and Philadelphia, forwarding money as needed to the respective treasurers.

In the death of Rev. J. C. Smith, pastor of Cincinnati Congregation, this mission has sustained a very great loss. We bring to the attention of Synod the question as to its future.

Receipts.

Balance	$ 258 12
From Congregations	896 49
From other Sources	379 66
	$1,534 27
Expenditures	1,022 01
Balance	$ 512 26

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*
A. C. COULTER, *Secretary.*
W. J. COLEMAN, *Cor. Secretary.*

MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference met according to appointment in the R. P. Church, Cedarville, O., May 30th, 1900, at 9 A.M., and was opened with prayer by the chairman, Dr J. W. Sproull.

All the Presbyteries were represented in the Conference except New York which Presbytery made no request for ald.

The representatives of the Presbyteries were first heard in presenting their requests on behalf of the congregations needing assistance from the Home Mission Fund, and then these requests were taken up in order and acted upon by the Conference.

The Conference recommends to Synod that the following appropriations be made from the Home Mission Fund during the coming year:

To N. B. and N. S. Presbytery:
For Cornwallis Congregation..... $200 00
For St John Congregation..... 100 00
This second amount to be used at the discretion of the Presbytery.

To Vermont Presbytery:
For Ryegate Congregation an amount equal to that contributed for supplies by the congregation up to the limit..... 100 00

To Rochester Presbytery:
For Lisbon Congregation..... 100 00

To Philadelphia Presbytery:
For Baltimore and Conococheague Congregations. 200 00

To Pittsburg Presbytery:
To aid its weak congregations..... 1,300 00

To Ohio Presbytery:
For Middle Wheeling Congregation..... 50 00
For Muskingum and Tomica Congregation..... 100 00
For New Concord Congregation..... 250 00
For Mansfield Congregation in case the Presbytery secures a stated supply..... 500 00

To Lakes Presbytery:
For Fair Grove Congregation for stated supply... 200 00
In case they secure a settlement..... 300 00

To Lakes Presbytery to be expended at its discretion in aid of other weak congregations 350 00

To Illinois Presbytery:
For St. Louis..... 400 00

To Iowa Presbytery:
For Hickory Grove Congregation..... 100 00
For Chicago, as a special mission of the church for transient supplies..... 800 00
Or for stated supply 1,000 00

To Kansas Presbytery:

For Beulah Congregation	100 00
For Eskridge Congregation	100 00
For Kansas City Congregation	500 00
For Quinter Congregation	200 00
For Superior Congregation	400 00
For Topeka Congregation	500 00
For Wahoo Congregations	300 00
For Holmwood Congregation for supplies	200 00
Or in case of a settlement	300 00

To Colorado Presbytery:

For Denver Congregation	500 00
For Seattle Congregation	450 00
For La Junta to aid in paying supplies	100 00
Or in case of a settlement	300 00

The Conference also recommends that the average of seven dollars a member be required of congregations applying for aid to the Sustentation Fund, instead of eight dollars, the requirement heretofore.

J. W. Sproull, *Chairman.*
W. J. Coleman, *Clerk.*

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. Items adopted. Report adopted and is as follows:

Church Erection and Sustentaiion.

Your Committee respectfully report. There have been placed in our hands the reports of the Boards of Church Erection and Sustentation. These reports have been reviewed by us.

Report of the Board of Church Erection. We recommend:

First—That this report be approved.

Second—That Synod continue its restriction against parties desiring to canvass the church for aid in connection with church buildings until they have first secured permission from the Board of Church Erection.

Third—That this Board should be liberally sustained by our congregations and members.

Fourth—That Mr. Thomas E. Greacen be elected his own successor.

Report of Board of Sustentation, We recommend the adoption of the following:

First—That the report of this Board be approved.

Second—That we recommend that pastors and other officers of the church use their influence and energies to secure liberal support to this enterprise of the church.

Third—That gratitude is due to God for the large contribution to

this fund of $1,500 by one who withholds his name and which gives such timely relief to struggling congregations.

Fourth—That the ninety-eight per cent. paid this year should lead congregations, in need of help, and desiring help from the Board, to qualify by raising at least $7 per member, and that those who are able to raise more do not diminish their liberality.

Signed by the Committee,

D. C. Martin,
T. H. Acheson,
E. A. Crooks.
Wm. Anderson,
D. S. Faris,

SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report that twelve (12) congregations have applied for aid from the fund under our care, Bovina and Craftsbury dropping out of the list, and Jonathan's Creek and White Lake being added to it. With regard to the distribution of this fund we are glad to be able to make the most encouraging report ever made by this Board to Synod. The liberality of the church enables us to pay ninety-eight per cent. of all deficits. The congregations of the church have contributed nearly a thousand dollars more to this fund this year than last, giving twenty per cent. instead of eleven per cent. of the amount appropriated. This is not a large proportion, nor very satisfactory giving, but it is a great improvement. The sources from which the means came to pay so large a per cent. of the deficits are as follows:

Balance from last year	$ 7 22
87 Congregations	1,612 79
2 Sabbath Schools	23 47
1 L. M. S.	10 00
28 Individuals	155 99
1 Individual	1,500 00
1 Bequest	284 68
Gregg Estate, one share	136 19
Total	$3,730 34
98 per cent. deficits	3,709 30
Balance	$ 21 04

If the attention of the church could be directed to the merits of this method of assisting our weak congregations, we would feel like urging long established congregations with settled pastors to apply for needed aid to this fund rather than to the Home Mission Treasury.

The thanks of the church are due to the one who has kept back his name but has not kept back his large contribution from this most worthy cause.

CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Salaries Paid.	Rate per Member	Deficit in Salary	98% of Deficit Paid
Almonte	58	500	8 62	500	490 00
Barnet	53	450	8 49	*272	266 56
Cedarville	55	600	10 91	200	196 00
Jonathan's Creek	37	500	13 51	300	294 00
Lisbon	47	535	11 38	265	259 70
Lochiel	32	450	14 06	350	343 00
Slippery Rock	70	560	8 00	240	235 20
Sterling, Kansas	80	656	8 20	144	141 12
Syracuse	67	536	8 00	664	650 72
Vernon	55	500	9 09	300	294 00
West Hebron	37	350	9 46	450	441 00
White Lake	52	500	9 67	†100	98 00

* For four months. † Received $78 as a supply.

(Signed) J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*
W. J. COLEMAN, *Clerk.*

CHURCH ERECTION.

Board of Church Erection would respectfully report: That there has been increased activity during the year, in matters under the supervision of your Board. Not that new churches have been erected, but congregations which bought or built churches several years ago, received additional and timely aid. In one case, the church building was saved from Sheriff's sale. One or two congregations contemplate building in the very near future, and the outlook for future work by your Board is good.

East End. At the last meeting of Synod, your Board was directed to pay the interest on the mortgage resting on the East End Church. This amount, $400 was duly paid, once the necessary papers had been recorded.

Cincinnati.—Synod also referred to the Board a Resolution, proposing that the Cincinnati congregation be allowed to collect money for the purpose of erecting "flat-houses" on the Cincinnati church lot. Your Board made the following disposition of the proposition:

"Resolved, That the Board has no authority to authorize the collection of money for the erection of any buildings except for churches."

Of this action the Cincinnati congregation was duly apprised.

Quinter.—The Quinter congregation, last summer, secured a lot, on which was an old church building, much out of repair. The Quinter people are few in number and limited in resources. With necessary repairs, the church cost them about $700.

After most earnest effort, assisted and guided by Rev. G. R. McBurney, who is located among them, they raised $400. The Board thereupon made an appropriation of $300 to Quinter congregation.

Kansas City.—This congregation had hoped, for several years, to liquidate all debts resting against their church property. But

the stringency of the times, and especially the added necessity of raising a larger proportion of their pastor's salary, caused them to reluctantly apply to your Board for additional help. They generously proposed to raise $500, if the Board would appropriate $500. On this condition an appropriation of $500 was made to Kansas City congregation.

Seattle.—Late in October, 1899, your Board was served with official notice that a mortgage on the Seattle church property would, at such a date be carried into court under foreclosure proceedings. The Board was at once deeply interested in the matter because the Board had, by direction of Synod, placed $2,000 in Seattle church property. The action of the Synod of 1895 reads. in reference to this matter, as follows:

"We recommend that the $1,000 already promised on certain conditions by the Board of Church Erection, be paid, for the cancellation of the mortgage on the church, due in August of this year; and that the same Board loan to this congregation, to apply on bond of Miss Jennie Trimble, an additional $1,000, for a time to be agreed upon between the Board and congregation." (See Report Com. Finance, 1895.)

According to Synod's direction, the $2,000 secured by the necessary legal papers, was paid; the second thousand being a loan for three years of six per cent. No interest has been paid on this loan, and Synod extended the time.

It appeared later that a prior mortgage of $1,000 rested on the property to cover a note given to a Mrs. Hollenbeck. It was this mortgage which was about to be closed. In order, therefore, that the congregation might not suffer moral hurt in the community, and financial loss by the forced sale of their property; and in order that the Board might protect moneys placed there by the direction of Synod, your Board deemed it advisable to have the mortgage, held by Mrs. Hollenbeck, assigned to Synod's Board. Accordingly, after all judicious and legal steps had been taken, your Board paid the $1,000 called for by the Hollenbeck mortgage and stayed the foreclosure proceedings. Thus a third thousand dollars is in the Seattle church property. Officers and brethren there are, however, certainly of the opinion that the property is worth, at a low estimate, $5,000. Your Board sincerely hope that the blessing of the Lord shall rest in such abundant measure upon that congregation that they will, ere long, be able to return the treasury a part of the money.

Chicago.—The Chicago congregation made application for permission to canvass the churches for money to buy lot and erect a building suitable to their needs. But your Board declined to "take action in the matter until the Iowa Presbytery had given its official sanction and endorsement to the proposed movement to buy a lot and build a church."

Holmwood.—The Holmwood church was burned in 1896. Under the efforts of Rev. R. C. Paden, the congregation, during

the past year, determined to rebuild, and received permission from the Board to canvass congregations for money.

New Castle.—The New Castle congregation made application to your Board for $2,000. They are erecting a new church, their old one being insufficient in seating capacity, without Sabbath School room, and worn out by long service. They are erecting a building of brick, 70 by 80 feet, Gothic in style, and with modern appliances. This congregation has had a net increase of 73 in a little less than seven years. The congregation now numbers 204.

The application of New Castle congregation for $2,000 was endorsed by Pittsburgh Presbytery.

After consideration, it was moved and passed that $2,000 be adpropriated to New Castle congregation.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The Treasurer's Report shows receipts, from all sources	$1,863 83
The Expenditures	1,457 37
Balance	406 46
Balance from last year	2,607 13
Balance at date	$3,013 59

When Quinter, Kansas City and New Castle congregations have drawn moneys appropriated to them, this balance will be reduced to about two hundred dollars.

It is the judgment of the Board that an appropriation of $5,000 should be made by Synod to carry on efficiently the work with which they are charged.

The time for which Thomas E. Greacen was elected a member of the Board has expired, and his place should be filled.

The Secretary and Elder S. K. McGuire were appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MCAFEE, *President.*
F. M. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the many friends in Cedarville for their great kindness in entertaining Synod.

The Committee on Nominations named the following committee to secure a missionary for the Oakland field: J. M. Wylie, P. J. McDonald, S. R. Faris, Robert Speer.

Records of Presbyteries were called for. Committees reported having examined and found no errors in the records of Illinois, Iowa, Lakes, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Rochester and Vermont. The records of Colorado were not present. The records of Ohio were found correct except "on page 180 clerk sent to Rev. Geo. Benaugh a certificate on his own responsibility pending the regular meeting of Presby-

tery ; and on page 183 is the record that a minister of the United Presbyterian Church was asked to act as temporary clerk." The records of Philadelphia were found correct except, "In the minute of May 29, 1899, page 123, the election of moderator occurred before the constitution of the court. In the minute of June 1, 1899, page 124, the report of Presbytery was adopted but not recorded. This minute is not signed."

The Committee on Presbyterial Reports reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Presbyterial Reports and Statistics.

Clerks of Presbyteries with a few exceptions do not familiarize themselves with the directions of Synod, or they would not make the mistakes they do in the preparation of their reports. That there may be no excuse for mistakes in the future, a brief resume of these is given. Only two blanks are to be filled, the one forwarded by the clerk and the other by the stated clerk. The blank headed "special notice" is not to be used

The statistical reports should be mailed not later than May 15, The number of officers and members of those congregations from which at that date, no reports have been received, should be taken from last year's statistics and so designated in a foot-note. Congregational statistics received after May 15 should be returned to the senders and not forwarded to the stated clerk. Objects for which there are no columns and which it is desirable to have mentioned, should be placed in the miscellaneous column and designated in a foot-note. All the ministers that are members of a Presbytery and *no others* should be included in the list of members. The totals at the end should, when added, be compared with the added totals at the bottom, to see that there is no mistake. Attention to these simple directions will do much to secure full statistics and prevent mistakes.

The following is a summary for the Synodical year 1899–1900:

The statistics for 12 congregations are taken from last year's report. Congregations, 113; mission stations, 8; ministers, 124; licentiates, 19; students of theology, 7; communicants, 9,790; increase, 553; decrease, 604; Sabbath school attendance 10,449; young people's society attendance, 2,169. Total contributions, $164,718.

Congregations.—Youngstown was reorganized Nov. 8, 1899. A decrease of one is reported in the Syrian mission; seventy-seven have pastors; two are under the care of the Foreign Mission Board; five have stated supplies, and four are supplied by pastors.

Mission Stations.—One Rochester, Rochester Presbytery, was disbanded Aug 29, 1899; one Billings, Oklahoma, was formed June 1, and a third, Youngstown, was reorganized into a congregation Nov. 8, 1899. The mission among the Jews in Philadelphia is under the care of Philadelphia Presbytery, and that in Cincinnati is under the care of Lakes Presbytery; these are supplied by

pastors and one by a licentiate. The Cache Creek and Oakland missions are under the Central Board.

Ministers.—There were five ordinations and installations, viz: Milligan M. Pearce, St. Louis congregation, July 12, 1899; Samuel J. Johnston, Superior, Neb., Aug. 31, 1899; Jas. S. McGaw, Beulah, Neb., Nov. 24, 1899; John H. Pritchard, White Lake, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1900, and James McCune, Eskridge, Kansas, May 17, 1900. There was a decrease of five, two by death, viz: Rev. Robert Stewart, at Wilmot, N. S., Sept. 29, 1899, and Rev. J. C. Smith, at Cincinnati, O., on the 12th of March, 1900, and three by defection, viz: Rev. W. M. Glasgow who united with the United Presbyterian Church, and Rev. T. M. Carlisle and T. H. Walker, with the Presbyterian. The number is the same as reported last year. There are seventy-five pastors, a decrease of two; two have double charges. There were eight dissolutions of the pastoral relation, viz: Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson, Oct. 3, 1899, of Eskridge congregation, Kansas Presbytery; Rev. W. M. Glasgow, Oct. 10, 1899, Beaver Falls, Pittsburg Presbytery; Rev. P. P. Boyd, Nov. 7, 1899, Belle Centre, Lakes Presbytery; Rev. T. H. Walker, Nov. 15, 1899, Baltimore, Philadelphia Presbytery; Rev. T. M. Carlisle, Oct. 17, 1899, 4th New York, New York Presbytery; Rev. W. McFarland, May 29, 1900, Lisbon, Rochester Presbytery; Rev. J. M. Faris, May 29, 1900, Sterling, Rochester Presbytery; Rev. Louis Meyer, May 31, 1899, Lake Reno, Iowa Presbytery, and Rev. E. M. Coleman, June 1, 1900, Almonte, Rochester Presbytery. There were two installations, viz: Rev. S. R. Wallace, June 29, 1900, Dennison, Kansas, and Rev. J. M. Wylie, Sept. 1, 1899, Evans, Colorado Presbytery. Of the 49 unsettled ministers two are laboring under the direction of the Central Board, seven are foreign missionaries, two are professors in the Theological Seminary, two in Geneva College, six are stated supplies, three are engaged in reform work, three are in other employment and ten on account of age or infirmity are unable to engage actively in the work of the ministry.

Licentiates.—One student, James T. Mitchell, of the 3rd year, was licensed at a meeting of Pittsburg Presbytery, held in Wilkinsburgh, Pa., on the 8th of May, and arrangements have been made by Philadelphia Presbytery to license Robert Clarke of the 2nd year in July. Nine of the licentiates are natives under the care of the Syrian mission; one is a professor in Geneva College; one has charge of the mission among the Jews in Philadelphia, and two are abroad.

Communicants.—New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Kansas, Pittsburgh, Colorado, Vermont Presbyteries, the Syrian Commission and 44 congregations and stations report a net increase; Iowa, Lakes, Ohio, Philadelphia, Illinois, Rochester and New York Presbyteries and 46 congregations and stations a net decrease. In 7 there is no change, and 20 make no report as to gain or loss. The total net decrease is 51.

Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.—The number reported in attendance at the Sabbath school is 10,449 or 62 more than last year; at young people's societies, 2,169; 267 less than last year.

Contributions.—There is reported an increase in contributions to the Chinese Mission of $113; Home, $2,844; Southern, $82; Indian, $961; Jewish, $29; Sustentation, $1,372; National Reform, $1,738; Testimony Bearing, $70; Aged Minister's Fund, $89; Widows and Orphans, $70; Miscellaneous, $1,983. Totals, $233, and a decrease in contribution to the Syrian Mission of $846; Theological Seminary, $321; Church Erection, of $3.831; salaries, $4,110.

Ten of the congregations have manses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL,
Stated Clerk.

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

The Colorado Presbytery has held one regular and several special meetings during the year. We have five ministers, four congregations, and one mission station at Oakland, Cal. There is no one in charge of the latter. Three congregations have pastors. The Presbytery reports an increase. Evans has become self-sustaining. The spiritual condition is encouraging and hopeful. Communions have been held with ordinary frequency, except in the case of La Junta, where the Lord's Supper was dispensed but once. Evans congregation called Rev. J. M. Wylie last June, and he was installed on Sept. 1. La Junta in November called Rev. T. H Acheson, but he felt it wise to decline the call. The average contribution per member for the Presbytery is reported as $18.07. Our statistical report has been sent to the proper clerk. We ask for no supplies, because our only vacancy will soon make out a call. Denver congregation is recommended to the Board of Church Erection for $1,000 to reduce its church debt. We have one student of theology, Herbert B McMillan of the first year. Rev. J. M. Armour is recommended for assistance from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. ACHESON, *Clerk.*

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since last Synod we have held one regular meeting. We have nine congregations under our care. Licentiate M. M. Pearce was received from Pittsburgh Presbytery and ordained and installed pastor of the St. Louis congregation July 12, 1899. We have seven pastors, an increase of one since last year.

Rev. M. A. Gault is our only minister not employed in regular pastoral work. His time is at the disposal of Synod.

In this day of short pastorates we note with pleasure the completion last October by Rev. D. S. Faris of his 42nd year of continuous service as pastor of Bethel congregation, Sparta, Ill.

Mrs. W. F. George is recommended for her proportion in the distribution of the fund for widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

Presbytery's statistical report was duly forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod.

E. A. Crooks, *Clerk.*

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery report:

During the year we have held one meeting. Of the nine congregations under our care, six have settled pastors. The congregation of Hopkinton made a call on Rev. Louis Meyer, pastor of Lake Reno congregation. At a meeting held during sessions of Synod, this call was sustained as a regular gospel call, presented to Rev. Meyer, and by him accepted. The pastoral relation between him and Lake Reno has been dissolved by Presbytery May 31st, 1900, and arrangements made for installation at Hopkinton, in the near future.

Hickory Grove continues under care of Rev. W. C. Allen, stated supply. One hundred dollars is asked for Hickory Grove.

1st, Chicago and Lake Reno are important vacancies, under Presbytery's care. Rev. J. Milligan Wylie was dismissed from our Presbytery to unite with the Presbytery of Colorado, and Rev. G. R. McBurney, to Kansas Presbytery. John M. Johnson, Licentiate, is still abroad.

Our statistical report was forwarded to stated clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. Robb, *Clerk.*

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would report as follows:

We have held two regular meetings the past year. We have under our care sixteen congregations and two mission stations, that of Cache Creek among the Indians and the recently organized one of Billings among a colony of Reformed Presbyterians at Billings, Okla. The name of North Cedar congregation has been changed at its own request to Dennison. Eleven of the congregations have settled pastors; four and the mission station of Billings have stated supplies, and one, Long Branch, receives transient supplies.

Calls have been made and accepted as follows: One by Dennison congregation upon Rev. S. R. Wallace, who was installed there June 29, 1899, by a commission of Presbytery; one by Superior congregation upon licentiate S. J. Johnston, ordained and

installed there Aug. 31, 1899, by a commission of Presbytery; one by Beulah congregation upon licentiate J. S. McGaw, ordained and installed in that place Nov. 24, 1899, by a commission of Presbytery; and the fourth by Eskridge congregation upon licentiate James McCune, ordained and installed there May 17, 1899, by a commission of Presbytery. Rev. G. R. McBurney has been received by certificate from Iowa Presbytery.

With these accessions to our ranks we have twenty-one ministers, eleven of whom are settled pastors; four are stated supplies; three, J. Boggs Dodds, Elmer McBurney and W. W. Carithers are missionaries; one, J. Ralston Wylie, has been in the employ of the National Christian Association and has held two anti-secret conventions in our bounds during the year; one, J. M. Littlejohn, has been a member of the faculty of the American School of Osteopathy at Kirkville, Mo.; and J. R. W. Stevenson was released from the pastorate of Eskridge congregation at his own request on Oct. 11, 1899, and is endeavoring to recruit his health and at the same time is doing some voluntary Home Mission work at and near New Plymouth, Idaho. One student of theology, E. L. McKnight, is under our care.

The full time of J. Ralston Wylie, the half time of G. R. McBurney, and the one-fifth time of W. S. Fulton, S. R. Wallace and James McCune is at the disposal of Synod We ask for the half time of one laborer.

Mrs. W. W. McMillan has been recommended for $250, and Mrs. Bella T. Dodds for $200 from the fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers.

In our statistical report which has been forwarded we report a net increase of twenty-five in membership and a decided increase in contributions.

At the request of Presbytery there were in nearly all our congregations on the first Sabbath of December special sermons and prayer-meetings in the interests of missions, and on the last Sabbath of April, a special service of prayer in behalf of one of our congregations which has been for some time in a distracted and divided condition.

During each regular meeting of the Presbytery there has been a conference, the first on "How shall we apply our testimony at the present day?" and the others on "Our New Possessions."

All our meetings have been well attended and most harmonious.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. McFarland, *Clerk.*

LAKES PRESBYTERY.

Lakes Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod two regular meetings have been held. In each instance the attendance was good.

There are under the care of this Presbytery eight congregations, six ministers, five of whom have charges, and five hundred

and ninety-five members. There has been a net decrease in the Presbytery of twenty members. This decrease occurs chiefly in one congregation. In four congregations there has been increase; in three, a decrease; in one, neither increase nor decrease. In the contributions there is encouragement. For two years there has been an increase. For the third time a gain is recorded. In this instance it is $1,217.

The following changes have occurred within the year: The pastoral relationship between Rev. P. P. Boyd and Belle Center congregation was dissolved by a commission of Presbytery, Nov. 7, 1899. On November, the third Sabbath, Rev. P. P. Boyd preached his last sermon as stated supply of Bellefontaine congregation. On March 12, 1900, the pulpit of the Cincinnati congregation was made vacant by the death of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Smith. As a consequence of these changes three congregations are without pastoral oversight

The work among the Jews has been steadily carried on; and, among the children under the care of Miss Mary Patterson, with encouraging results. Presbytery believes the work is the Lord's, and worthy of the church's support, and have heartily recommended the continuation of the work and ask that the mission share in the funds.

Rev. T. C. Sproull is still serving the congregation of Fair Grove as stated supply.

Presbytery asks for the one-fourth time of one man.

Presbytery's statistical report was duly forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod.

C. McLeod Smith, *Clerk.*

NRW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of N. B. and N. S. would respectfully report that since last meeting of Synod we have held one regular meeting. The number of our congregations and pastors remains unchanged.

We ask for no supplies. The number of our ministers has been decreased by one during the year, the Rev. Robert Stewart, Wilmot, N. S., having been called to his reward.

We recommend Mrs. Margaret Lawson, Barnesville, N. B., for her share in the fund for Widows of Deceased Ministers.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to stated clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. K. Thompson, *Clerk.*

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held one regular meeting and one special meeting. We have fifteen congregations and sixteen ministers. T. M. Carlisle, pastor of the fourth New York congregation, on request, was given a letter of standing to the

Presbyterian Church. Mr. John H. Pritchard was ordained to the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ and installed pastor of White Lake congregation on Feb. 7, 1900. Mr. Julius Kempf, of New York City has been taken under the care of Presbytery as a student of theology. Our unsettled ministers are Rusk and Raitt. We have one, A. I. Robb, a missionary in China. Our vacancies are Fourth New York and Kortright. The full time of Rusk and Raitt is at the disposal of Synod. We ask the full time of one and one-fourth laborers for the year.

S. G. Shaw is chairman of our Committee on Supplies. Presbytery decided to meet regularly but once in each year. The time set is the third Tuesday in October.

We recommend Mrs. Mary A. Yates and family to receive a share in the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to the stated clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MCNAUGHER, *Clerk.*

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

The Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one regular meeting of Synod. There have been no changes in the number of congregations and mission stations, and pastoral relations continue as reported last year. Wilmer G. Robb of Concord is under the care of Presbytery as a student of theology of the first year. Dr. Cannon continues to be in very feeble health and is recommended for a share in the distribution of the Aged Ministers' Fund.

Presbytery asks for the full time of one laborer and one-fourth of the time of the second for the coming year.

The days of Thanksgiving and Fasting have been observed in the congregations under our care.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SLATER, *Clerk.*

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

Philadelphia Presbytery would report as follows:

We have held two regular and one special meeting during the year. The pastoral relation between Mr. T. H. Walker and the Baltimore congregation was dissolved by Presbytery at a special meeting Nov. 15th, 1899, on account of his resignation of the congregation, and his purpose to enter the communion of the Presbyterian Church. This leaves Baltimore and Conococheague without pastoral care at the present time. Presbytery however hopes, with the help of the Domestic Mission Board, still to be able to maintain the ordinances in these places, though the prospect for

permanency is not bright. We have eight ordained ministers and three licentiates, with the expectation that Mr. Robert Clarke, student of theology, will be licensed and added to the number of licentiates early in the month of July. Three of our ministers are in charge of congregations, and one of our licentiates, Mr. Moses Greenberg, is in charge of the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia. The full time of W. M. Hunter, E. F. Sherman, F. Slater and A. W. Stevenson is at the disposal of Synod, and also that of R. Clarke from the time of his licensure. The three congregations with settled pastors are in a prosperous condition and endeavoring to advance the work of the church. During the year a very hopeful and profitable union meeting of the young people's societies was held. Likewise a missionary conference at which excellent addresses were listened to by a large audience, from the venerable J. G. Paton, also from Rev. J. R. Wylie, Rev. R. C. Reed and others. The result of such meetings cannot but be helpful, practical and permanent.

Presbytery asks for three-fourths of the time of one man for the year. Our Traveling Fund we report full. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the chairman of Synod's Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Montgomery, *Clerk.*

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Since the last meeting of Synod two regular meetings of the Pittsburgh Presbytery have been held. The following changes have taken place:

Youngstown congregation disorganized June 20, 1898, was reorized Nov. 8, 1899.

W. M. Glasgow was released from pastoral charge of First Beaver Falls, Oct. 10, 1899, and united with the U. P. Church.

J. T. Mitchell was licensed to preach May 8, 1900.

In the Presbytery there are twenty-seven congregations, one more than last year. There are thirty-nine ministers. The vacant congregations are Bear Run and Mahoning and Rehoboth, Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburg, Salem, Middletown, and First Beaver Falls. Bear Run and Mahoning made a call which was declined. Youngstown and First Beaver Falls have made calls. The former on F. M. Wilson, was accepted. That from B. F. was declined.

Nineteen of our ministers are pastors, three having double charges, and two acting as stated supply part of their time. One pastor gives three-fourths of his time to Sabbath Reform work. Twenty ministers are not pastors, two being professors in the Seminary, two in the college, one in National Reform work, another being employed by Synod in work of Testimony Bearing. Four are foreign missionaries, and one a home missionary, seven are aged and one is infirm. The full time of two, R. C. Allen and E. M. Coleman is at the disposal of Synod.

Our licentiates are J. M. Coleman, Wm. McKinney, D. O. Jack, R. J. G. McKnight, J. K. Robb, I. A. Blackwood, and J. T. Mitchell.

Our students of theology are, W. J. McBurney and Hugh McCarroll.

The full time of the following is at the disposal of Synod: R. C. Allen, D. O. Jack, R. J. G. McKnight, J. K. Robb, I. A. Blackwood, J T. Mitchell and E. M. Coleman

The following recommendations have been made; Slippery Rock congregation to Board of Sustentation. New Castle congregation to Board of Church Erection. McKeesport and Monongahela congregations to Board of Home Missions.

For share in the fund for Widows and Orphans: Mrs. Nancy Reed, Mrs. Laura Speer, Lydia French, Susan Love, Mrs. D. G. Thompson.

For share in Aged Ministers' Fund we present the following names: J. C. K. Faris, J. L. McCartney, J. R. Baird.

Our quota to Synod's Traveling Fund is full. Presbytery asks for full time of one laborer.

The statistical report has been duly forwarded to the stated clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. DUNCAN, *Clerk.*

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings. Our congregations are six in number, the same as last year. Three of these have very recently been left without pastoral charge. On the 29th of May last William McFarland was released from the pastoral charge of Lisbon congregation; and J. M. Faris from the pastoral charge of Sterling congregation, and on June 1, 1900, E. M. Coleman from the pastoral charge of Almonte congregation. Mr. Coleman has been certified to Pittsburgh Presbytery. The supplying of one of our vacant congregations for a year has been arranged for. The time of William McFarland and J. M. Faris is at the disposal of Synod.

In August last, in connection with the meeting of Presbytery at Lisbon Church, New York, there was held the third annual convention of the young people of the Presbytery, which was considered as to the interest manifested and results accomplished, an advance beyond both the former meetings. At this convention the young people were gathered into a Presbyterial Young People's Covenanter Union, taking as its Constitution the basis drawn up by the Presbytery at the spring meeting of that year.

We report at this time with deep sorrow the loss by death on Nov. 29, 1899, of Mr. John Hunter, of Sterling Valley, N. Y., for many years the able Treasurer of the Presbytery, and a wise and loving counsellor in all the work of the many meetings which he attended.

Our Presbytery reports its Traveling Fund in full.

Our statistical report has been duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

We ask for supply the time of one laborer for five months.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GILMORE, *Clerk.*

VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Vermont would respectfully report:

That since the last meeting of Synod we have held one regular meeting. The day of Thanksgiving was observed by all our congregations, but the day of fasting only by the congregation of Barnet. The church building of the Ryegate congregation was destroyed by fire last August, which has left them without a place of their own in which to worship. The United Presbyterian congregation of that place have kindly granted them the use of their church on Sabbath afternoons after their own services. D. C. Faris has been appointed stated supply for Ryegate for the ensuing year. The Ryegate congregation was recommended to the Board of Missions to the extent of one hundred dollars. The Barnet congregation was recommended to the Sustentation Board for aid. D. C. Faris was appointed his own successor on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. TAYLOR, *Clerk.*

The Committee on Supplies reported. Adopted and is as follows:

Supplies.

The Committee of Supplies would report as follows:

There are seventeen unemployed men, and one student of Theology for part of his time and less than six and one-half men asked for.

We have endeavored to divide the work so as to give as much employment as possible to those who are not engaged in any other work but have not given any to those who are pastors for a part of their time or stated supplies. Two of the above, M. A. Gault and E. F. Sherman have been located by their Presbyteries since being reported to us.

DIVISION OF LABORERS.

R. C. Allen: Pittsburg Presbytery, entire time.

Robert Clarke: Philadelphia, June, July; New York till opening of Seminary.

E. M. Coleman: Lakes, June, July; Illinois, August; Iowa, September, October, November; Kansas, December, January, February; Pittsburg, March, April, May.

I. A. Blackwood: Pittsburg, July, August; Lakes, September, October; Iowa, November, December, January; Kansas, February, March, April, May.

J. M. Faris: Lakes, June, July, August; Iowa, September, October; Kansas, November, December; Iowa, January, February, March; Illinois, April, May.

D. O. Jack: Kansas. June; Iowa, July, August; Illinois, September, October; Lakes, November; Pittsburg, December, New York, January, February, March; Lakes, April, May.

Wm. McFarland: Ohio, June, July, August, September: Illinois, October, November, December; Pittsburg, January, February, March; Philadelphia, April, May.

R. J. McKnight: Rochester, August, September; New York, October, November; Philadelphia, December and May.

J. M. Johnston: Lakes, October, November; Pittsburg, December, January; Philadelphia, February, March; Rochester, April, May.

Dr. William Hunter: Pittsburg, June; Kansas, July, August, September, October; Iowa, November, December: Lakes, January, February, March; Pittsburg, April, May.

M. A. Gault: Kansas, full time.

E. F. Sherman: Ohio, full time.

Fergus Slater: Rochester, June, July; Philadelphia, August; Pittsburg, September, October, November; Lakes, December, January; Illinois, February, March; Iowa, April, May.

A. W. Stevenson; Philadelphia, June, July; Pittsburg, August, September, October; Illinois, November, December, January; Lakes, February, March; Philadelphia, April, May.

T. A. Rusk: New York, full time.

J K. Robb: Rochester, June, July, August; Philadelphia, September; New York, October, November, December; Philadelphia, January, February, March; Pittsburg, April, May.

G. P. Raitt: Illinois, June, July; Iowa, August; Kansas, September; Philadelphia, October, November; New York, December, January, February, March; Rochester, April, May.

J. R. Wylie: Iowa, June, July; Illinois, August; Rochester, September, October; Pittsburg, November: Philadelphia, December, January, February, March; New York, April, May.

H. H. George,
Chas. Clyde,
G. A. Edgar,
S. K. McGuire,
L. M. Patterson.

The Central Board of Missions was made the Interim Committee on supplies.

The following resolution concerning the American Bible Society was adopted.

Bible Society.

Your Committee on Bible Society would respectfully report:

1. We recommend that Synod reiterate the resolution of last year "that all our people co-operate with auxiliary Bible Societies

in their neighborhoods where they exist; that new auxiliaries be founded where there are none, and that contributions be made through these agencies by donations and life memberships, and that efforts be made to put Bibles into every house."

2. That Synod designate the day of annual thanksgiving as the day for a special collection for this cause.

3. That when statistical blanks are again prepared there be a column for these contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFeeters,
C. D. Trumbull,
D. C. Martin,
E. W. Hosack.

Paper 3—Minutes of Syrian Commission was taken from the table. Ordered placed on the record with an expression of disapproval of the appointment of a sub-commission by a commission as we find from this report was done by the Syrian Commission. The report is as follows:

Mersine, Oct. 5, 1899.

Minutes of Synod's Commission or Syrian, Asia Minor, and Cyprus Missions.

The Commission of Synod met according to the call of the moderator, Rev. Henry Easson, and was by him constituted by prayer; after which the moderator preached a sermon from First Peter 2:4–5. Owing to the absence of the clerk, Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, in America, Rev. R. J. Dodds was appointed clerk pro tem.

The roll was then called. Members present: Revs. Henry Easson, J. S. Stewart, and R. J. Dodds. Elders: Drs. W. M. Moore, and J. M. Balph. Election of officers then took place resulting in the choice of Rev. J. S. Stewart, Moderator, and J. M. Balph, Clerk. The minutes of the last regular meeting were then read and adopted. The committee appointed to ordain to the eldership, Drs. W. M. Moore and S. A. S. Metheney and to license Yusef Jedeed, as a preacher of the Gospel, handed in their report which is as follows:

At the called meeting of the Commission held in Larnaca, March 16, 1899, members present, Revs. H. Easson and R. J. Dodds, the ordination of Dr. W. M. Moore was attended to, according to the prescribed form. The Rev. Henry Easson stated the scriptural warrant for the office of Ruling Elder, Rev. R. J. Dodds put to the candidate the questions in the Book of Discipline, the candidate signed the Formula, and Rev. Henry Easson offered the ordination prayer.

Minutes of called meeting were then read and adopted. On motion, Rev. R. J. Dodds was appointed to assign subject for trial sermon to Yusef Jedeed, candidate for licensure. Subject assigned,

Eph. 6 : 10–17. Motion was then made to proceed to the ordination of Dr. S. A. S. Metheney to the eldership. He, by his own request, was allowed to make a statement, which was a declaration of his use of tobacco, and his reasons for the same. The Commission, under the circumstances, decided that this should not be a barrier to his ordination. The usual questions were asked, and candidate signed the Formula, and the Commission proceeded to ordain him, the Rev. Henry Easson offering the ordination prayer.

A statement was then made in regard to Licentiate Selim Haddad, of Latakia, and a paper from him presented in which he requests to be relieved from any regular preaching of the Gospel.

On motion the Commission now proceeded to the examination and hearing trial sermon from Yusef Jedeed, the candidate for licensure. Examination was sustained and he was accordingly licensed to preach the Gospel.

The matter of S. Haddad was then again brought up. A motion was made and carried that a committee, consisting of Revs. J. S Stewart and R. J. Dodds and Elder J. M. Balph be appointed to consider the matter, at the call of the Latakia pastor, Rev. J. S. Stewart, and report at next meeting. Adjourned with prayer, to meet at the call of the moderator, at Larnaca, Cyprus.

J. S. Stewart, *Moderator.*
J. M. Balph, *Clerk.*

The Committee on New Political Organization reported. Laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. Laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Laborer in Oakland reported. Adopted and is as follows :

Laborer in Oakland.

Committee appointed to nominate a laborer to Oakland, Calif., would respectfully report, that after a season of prayer, on the understanding that such a laborer is to engage in Home Mission work as a part of his duties we would nominate I. A. Blackwood.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Wylie,
P. J. McDonald,
T. M. Slater,
S. R. Faris,
Robert Speer.

I. A. Blackwood was unanimously elected.

An appropriation of $1,500 was ordered for the support of this work, collection to be lifted on the third Sabbath of September. The missionary's salary was fixed at $1,000 per annum.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the time was extended until business is finished.

The report on New Political Organization was taken from the table. Adopted and is as follows :

New Political Organization.

The Committee appointed to report on resolutions, approving and commending a new national organization, respectively report, that we have considered these resolutions and have heard explanations and arguments from the mover and supporters of the same.

It has been set before us as a movement of earnest friends of national Christian reformation, who have accepted our doctrines of Christ's headship and the supreme authority of God and His law over the nations, and who propose to set up a Christian government in this nation, by voting at the legally appointed places, times, and methods of holding elections for officers to execute the laws of the United States and of the respective States, who shall have pledged themselves to take an oath of office, if elected which shall bind them to allegiance to the Constitution of the U. S. and of the respective States and the execution of the laws made pursuant thereof, in so far as they are in accordance with the Word of God and the supreme authority of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is admitted that officers elect, so sworn, would not be legal officers of our government, that the movement is not for constitutional reform, but for the setting aside of the Constitution by a moral, peaceable, unarmed revolution.

Our approval of this movement would change our position of political dissent, to a position of practical incorporation with the political body, in the election of officers of government.

We believe it not a revolution of the government of the state, but a revolution of the Ref. Pres. Church, and decline to give it our approval.

J. McCracken,
T. P. Robb,
R. C. Wylie,
S. M. Orr,
A. F. Carithers.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence was taken from the table. Adopted and is follows :

Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report :

We herewith submit two letters, one to the Synod of our church in Ireland, and one to the Synod in Scotland, and recommend that they be engrossed and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and transmitted to these Synod's respectively.

T. P. Stevenson,
P. H. Wylie,
J. S. McGaw,
Wm. Hanna,
John Aiken.

LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF SCOTLAND.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN: The little church in Scotland sends you greeting and says, Peace be multiplied unto you.

We continue to take a loving interest in your church life and work and we wish you advance, concord, and ever increasing prosperity.

Your quickness to adapt your methods to the keen, busy, free life of your great Republic is to us admirable and beautiful.

Your noble patience and brave hopefulness have been proved over and over again in the trials which have fallen upon your church, and which have, by the Redeemer's grace, resulted in purifying and strengthening her. We think of all this and our love goes out to you upon every remembrance of it.

Your dauntless and, to a greater degree than you or we can know, your successful efforts to press the claims of Jesus Christ's Kingship upon the people of the United States and upon their legislators have always made us wonder at you and rejoice in your lion-like boldness and serpent-like wisdom in the King's business.

And your missionary work, both home and foreign, has been an example to us. The zeal of your people in this, and their generosity—might we say specially, the zeal and generosity of your women—are known and praised in all our churches.

The great question here is the war in South Africa. Many, many hearts and homes have been plunged in sorrow for the men who lie buried on the battle-fields; all hearts have been touched as perhaps never before in Britain. We recognize your right to judge for yourselves the motives and reasons for this war, and we are aware that you do not all take our view of the case. For we, though we have never formally taken a vote upon the matter, are almost unanimous in regarding Britain as having right and justice on her side. But you and we are one in deploring the loss of brave men on both sides of the struggle, in praying for consolation for the bereaved and dying, in hoping for an early end to the war and for peace among the various peoples of South Africa.

We are delighted to have among us your young men who have come over to preach the gospel. If they should stay with us, it will knit us closer in love both personally and ecclesiastically.

Rev. Robert Dunlap, so well known to you all as late Editor of "The Witness," has been compelled by failing health to resign all active duty. He has been Clerk of Synod for many years and we greatly miss him at our meetings. His conscientiousness, courtesy and kindness as well as his sound knowledge and grasp of evangelical truth won him a place amongst us which will not easily be filled.

We are sorry it will be difficult for many of us to go to your Convention. You contributed largely to the success of ours in Glasgow, and we are therefore all the more anxious that yours

should be a memorable, a blessed, and in the best sense, a great Convention.

With affectionate regards, in the name of Synod,

A. C. Gregg, *Ex-Moderator.*

Loanhead, Midlothian, 21st May, 1900.

LETTER TO THE SYNOD OF SCOTLAND.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland:

Dear Brethren: Your letter of May 20th, 1900, has been received at our present session. We would reciprocate your kind salutations by saying, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces"

We gratefully appreciate your kind references to our various lines of work, and we only wish your commendations were better deserved.

In regard to our National Reform work and the work of Testimony Bearing, we feel that we are specially called to engage in it both by the very Constitution of the Church and the commission she has received from her head, and because of the open door which has been set before us in the Providence of God. During the past year special efforts have been made in this cause. A very successful convention was held in the city of New York in the month of December, 1899. The labors of the Field Secretary, Dr. H. H. George, and of his wife who is also a Secretary of the National Reform Association, were expended during part of the year in the Southern States. Others of our laborers visited the same region, and found this whole field invitingly open for the presentation of these great principles. We have also been greatly encouraged during the past year by the fact that an avowed polygamist, elected from the State of Utah as a representative in Congress, was not allowed to take his seat in that body, and that the conscientious convictions of Christian men, based on the Word of God, were the one obstacle that barred the way against his admission. Since this decision was reached several constitutional amendments have been introduced into Congress designed to embody this decision in the fundamental law, and one of these proposed amendments bases the provision sought for expressly on the law of Christ concerning the marriage relation.

All branches of our mission work are progressing favorably, and we are cheered this year by a volume of contributions which has sufficed for all the needs of the year and has reduced by more than one thousand dollars a debt, incurred during recent years of depression, by our Foreign Mission Board.

We are sorry to hear of the failing health of the Rev. Robert Dunlap. May the Lord sustain him in his affliction. We have been bereaved in the death of the Rev. J. C. Smith, a brother greatly beloved through a ministry of thirty-seven years; of the Rev. Robert M. Stewart, originally of your body, a pioneer in the

work of your church in Nova Scotia and whose connexion with our Synod dated from the time of the transfer of the Presbytery of Nova Scotia from your Synod to ours; and of Mr. John Hunter, an elder who served the church in most imporant relations through a long period of years.

We greatly regret that our recent correspondence with all the ministers of your Synod and of the Synod in Ireland gives no encouragement to hope for the presence of any considerable number of the brethren from abroad at the proposed convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches in 1901, and we have, with great reluctance, discharged the committee which we had appointed to make arrangements for such a convention.

The spiritual tone of our devotional exercises and of our various conferences at this meeting has been so deep and so delightful that we are moved to make grateful mention of it in this correspondence.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ, we are,

Yours in Christian love,

——— *Moderator.*
——— *Clerk.*

LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF IRELAND.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States of America:

DEAR BRETHREN: We have great pleasure in tendering to you again our warmest regards. We hail you as in the fullest sense, our brethren in the bonds of a common Covenanted Testimony, and we wish you grace, mercy, and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are much stimulated by your faithfulness in witnessing for the claims of Christ to whom the Father has given such ineffable glory, and by your fruitfulness in every enterprise necessary to bring souls to Him. Your application of His law to the political institutions of your country, where the majority almost deify the ballot-box is specially difficult and requires no ordinary faith and courage. But as civil government is clearly an ordinance of God, and placed in subjection to Christ, the duty of theoretically and practically testifying against the complete practical denial of God and Christ by the United States Government, is apparent; and the need is all the greater, in consequence of the general and enthusiastic acquiescence of the population in strictly Godless politics. We therefore rejoice exceedingly that you have, in your great country, not only taken your stand loyally with the dethroned King of Nations, but that you are battling faithfully against great odds, and struggling not only to honor Him by a consistent practical dissent, but by an explicit exposition, in the pulpit, on the platform, and by the pen, of His high claims upon the nation, and of the blessings that would flow to the nation from the due con-

fession of His name. The lectures which your appointed agents give on the subject of National Reform, as well as on the duty of political dissent have our cordial appreciation, and cannot fail in many ways and many departments to raise the tone of political thought, and to generate ultimately a desire for founding the civil government on the supreme and eternal law of Christ.

We are no less glad to see that your devotion to divine prescription, as the test of all true and acceptable worship, and that too in both the matter and manner of it, to be not a mere profession but is found a truth. We specially are delighted at the loving and jealous care with which you have guarded your youth against all alluring invitations to will-worship where this will-worship would be perpetrated in a temporary association of which they would be members, and that you have in the face of such a temptation, quitted you like men, and, that, instead of yielding to a low-thoughted popularity, you have chosen rather to suffer that shame with Christ which is the truest glory.

Our temptations here are very much the same as yours. Ever since the lowering of the franchise, the political strain upon our people is, in some quarters at least, growing more and more painful, and yet, though they have in some instances been exposed to threats and commercial loss, they rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer with their dethroned Master. Similarly in the matter and manner of worship we are so exposed to annoyance and temptation from the innovations that are coming in like a flood into sister churches, that attendance at public meetings in which various religionists assemble to promote objects good in themselves is now abandoned by many of us in sheer loyalty to Christ and disgust at the prostitution of a divine ordinance.

The entrance of the United States, for the first time, into the political arena in the Far East we regard as an event of the greatest importance. We sincerely trust that this interposition instead of tending merely to the widening of the commerce of your country, will be overruled for exercising the mightiest influence in favor of civil and religious liberty and prosperity.

Turning again to our own affairs, we have little that is new to report. Rev. Walter McCarroll, whom you have given to us to labor in Geelong in Australia, has entered, with, we believe, every prospect of success and comfort on his work. Rev. Mr. Thompson, and Rev. Dr Benaugh are also sharing with us in our labors. At our meeting of Synod, Mr. Walter T. Miller, one of your influential and honored elders, was happily with us, and brought American affairs more vividly before us than a letter could do.

We record with regret the death of one of our ministers, the Rev. James Littlejohn, who has been residing for some time past inside the bounds of your church.

The Rev. A. M. Stavely has retired from the active duties of the ministry, and we trust he will enjoy a merited rest. The Rev. M. Hodge, we regret to say, continues too ill to be able to minister to his people. We are glad to inform you that our Synod contemplates the renewal of its Covenants, D. V., in the year 1901,

and has instructed a Committee to prepare documents to be submitted at its next meeting. And, moreover, Synod instructs us to inform you of our intention, in this matter, and express to you the joy it would afford us, were it possible for you to take steps to unite with us in this work.

We commend you, dear brethren, to the grace of God, and pray that this blessing may come down abundantly on all your witnessing and work for Christ, and we desire your prayers for a like blessing upon us.

We are yours in Covenant Bonds,

EZEKIEL TEAZ, *Moderator.*
J. D. HOUSTON, *Clerk.*

LETTER TO THE SYNOD OF IRELAND.

To the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your kind letter of greeting has been received, and we cordially reciprocate your brotherly salutations.

We are almost at the close of a meeting of Synod which has been more than usually encouraging. A large number of our congregations previously vacant have been recently supplied with pastors, no fewer than eleven ordinations and installations having taken place in the last two years. Our treasuries have been well supplied. For the Foreign Mission more has been given than was asked for last year, enabling us to reduce by one thousand dollars the debt resting upon the Foreign Mission Board. The Home Mission treasury has received enough to meet all claims for the large number of our workers in this field during the year. Our lecturer on Testimony Bearing has delivered 107 sermons, lectures and addresses during the past year, preaching in the pulpits of many different denominations. Twenty-five of our ministers have labored more or less extensively during the year in the cause of National Reform, and large additions have been made to the valuable literature of this movement. An anti-polygamy amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been pending in the National Congress, the provision proposed being based expressly on the law of Christ governing the marriage relation. An important hearing in support of this amendment was granted by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives on the 27th of March. In this hearing two ministers of our own church participated along with representatives of the leading Christian denominations.

We congratulate you on the work of Covenant renovation in which you propose to engage next year. We can testify from our own experience that the observance of this ordinance is a bond of union among ourselves, a strong and constant appeal to conscience, and a ground of confidence and hope in our Covenant-keeping God.

We deeply regret that in answer to our recent letters to all the

members of your Synod we have received little encouragement to expect that many of your number will be able to be with us at the proposed Covenanter Convention in 1901, and we have most reluctantly discharged the committee appointed to make arrangements for such a convention.

Wishing you abundant prosperity and success in all your work for our common Lord, we are yours in Covenant bonds.

Signed in behalf of Synod.

——— *Moderator.*
——— *Clerk.*

D. S. Faris was directed to convey to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, the fraternal greetings of this court.

The thanks of Synod were returned to Cedarville congregation and kind friends in sister churches, to the reporters and to the railroads.

Adjourned with prayer by W. J. Sanderson to meet in Pittsburg, Pa., on May 29, 1901, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

F. M. Foster, *Moderator.*
S. G. Shaw, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees, from May 1st, 1899, to May 1st, 1900.

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America respectfully submit their Annual Report, and with it that of the Treasurer showing the condition of the various financial interests committed to their supervision for the year closing May 1st, 1900.

According to the usual custom, at the first meeting of the Board, after the adjournment of Synod, the legal reorganization of the corporation was attended to by the election of A. C. Coulter, as President: Samuel Mc'Naugher, as Vice-President; Daniel Chesnut, as Secretary, and John T. Morton, as Treasurer.

Before we refer to more recent business items concerning which we shall report, we will first report as to what disposition has been made in regard to such matters as you gave to us special directions at the last meeting of Synod.

First: That the net proceeds of the WALNUT CITY CHURCH lot have been credited to the Current Account of Church Erection Fund, and the amount as directed paid to the Treasurer of that Fund.

Second: That the BEQUEST OF MRS. REBECCA SMITH of One hundred and six dollars ($106) has been divided into equal parts according to the will of the decedent, and credited to the Indian and Southern Missions conformably to your instructions.

Third: THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE REBECCA LAW property has been passed to the credit of the Current Account of the Southern Mission pursuant to your orders, thus finally closing the account of the estate.

Fourth: THAT THE JAMES HERBISON BEQUEST of Six hundred and twelve dollars ($612) has to the extent of Five hundred and fifty dollars and eighty cents ($550 80) been credited to various missions and other schemes as by you directed and the remaining Sixty-one dollars and twenty cents ($61.20) has been given to the Home Mission of Pittsburg Presbytery, all in agreement with your action at last Synod.

Fifth: THAT THE JOHN WRIGHT BEQUEST has been closed by payment to the Treasurer of Foreign Mission for account of the Syrian Mission Current Account the sum of One hundred and ninety-five dollars and eighty cents ($195.80) and the sum of One hundred and ninety-five dollars and eighty-one cents ($195.81) to the Theological Seminary Endowment Fund.

Sixth: That the total sum of the Three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and eighty-five cents ($397 85) received from the Trustee of the William Acheson Bequest has been placed to the credit of the Current Account of Domestic Missions.

Seventh: THAT THE JAMES DICKSON BEQUEST of Three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents ($399.60) has been divided in equal amounts and credited to the Theological Seminary Endowment Account and to the Syrian Mission Current Account as contemplated by the order of Synod respecting the disposition of this fund.

Eighth: THAT THE ROBERT STERRETT BEQUEST of Six hundred and seventy-three dollars and ninety-three cents ($673.93) for Account of the Foreign Mission and the Southern Mission has been disposed of according to your directions.

Ninth: That the MISS MARIAN MALLOCH BEQUEST of Fourteen hundred and twenty-three dollars and forty cents ($1423.40) has been divided among the various schemes as named by the decedent, and that by your direction the different sums making the aggregate gift have been placed to current accounts of the missions and schemes to which the bequest belongs.

Tenth: That with respect to the MARTHA AND MARY Mc'CONNEL ESTATE referred to in our report of last year, the Board has passed a resolution at a recent meeting authorizing the President and Secretary of this Board to make a Quit Claim Deed of said property to Miss Mary Mc'Connel agreeably to the optional authority granted the Board so to do at the last meeting of Synod.

Eleventh: THE TREASURER'S REPORT. There has been some uncertainty on the part of this Board as to the exact intent of Synod in the action of last year, as to a synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, but that there shall not fail for the present year to be a full compliance with Synod's apparent desire, we transmit with the usual Financial Report in more or less detail by the Treasurer, a synopsis of the same.

The Board are unanimous in their judgment, that the more the printed minutes of Synod with the finances of the church embodied therein are circulated among its members, carefully read and investigated by them, the greater will be the interest of the members in the work of the Lord, and the larger will be the liberality of the members. This can only be done properly by full printed reports. Moreover, there are questions both on the part of ministers, and leading lay contributors to the funds, as well as by members of your Board, requiring handy reference constantly arising which could not be known except by tedious and frequent correspondence with the Treasurer, and on the part of the members of the Board by personal examination of the books at the Treasurer's office, all of which would consume valuable time as well as frequent embarrassment for want of prompt and ready reference to printed reports. We, therefore, for these, and other reasons that space in this report will not permit to be given, earnestly submit that justice to the Board in the attempt at an intelligent performance of the work you intrust to them, will warrant this recommendation which we make, viz:

That Synod's well tested and long honored custom of publishing annually in full the Treasurer's Report in connection with the report of the Board each of which often supplements the other, shall be published in the Minutes in the future as in the past.

We submit next the report of certain bequests, gifts, etc., received or realize upon during the past year, and upon a number of which you are asked to give instructions as to their use or application. They are as follows, viz:

Twelfth: THE ROBERT OSBORN BEQUEST. We report having received from the executor of Robert Osborn, deceased, of Parnassus, Pa., the sum of Fifteen dollars ($15), which we have in agreement with directions accompanying the gift disposed of by crediting as follows, viz:

Southern Mission, Current Account	$5.00
Indian Mission, Current Account	5.00
Jewish Mission, Current Account	2.5
Theological Seminary, Current Account	2.50
	$15.00

Thirteenth: The MISS MATTIE S. T. WILLIAMS BEQUEST. We report from the estate of Mattie S. T. Williams, Wexford, Pa., an additional bequest.

For Indian Mission of $20, and we recommend that this gift shall go to the current account of the said Mission.

Fourteenth: The ARTHUR T. KILPATRICK BEQUEST. We report the receipt of Sixty dollars ($60) from Arthur T. Kilpatrick, deceased, of Albia, Ia., as having come to us through Rev. C. D. Trumbull, which sum is to be applied as follows, viz:

To Domestic Missions	$40.00
To Southe n Mission	20.00
	$60.00

In the absence of directions by will of the decedent Synod is asked to decide as to whether the above sums shall go to Current or Endowment Account.

Fifteenth; The MRS. ANNIE MELVILLE BEQUEST. We acknowledge the receipt of One hundred dollars ($100) from Mrs. Annie Melville, late of Adamsville, Penn., Congregation per J. G. McFeeters, Treasurer (of Congregation), Jamestown, Pa.

For Southern Mission	$50.00
For Indian Mission	50.00
	$100.00

Without further directions than as above stated, it will be the province of Synod to instruct the Board whether the above sums shall be used for Current or Endowment purposes.

Sixteenth: The MISS MARGARET G. RUSSELL BEQUEST. We acknowledge receipt from the estate of Margaret G. Russell, Bovina, N. Y., per Thomas G. Russell, executor, Two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and eighty-three cents ($259.83), less Eleven dollars and ten cents ($11.10) expenses connected therewith, leaving net for Foreign Missions, $248.73.

From the attorneys in the above matter the following statement is given as the basis of the foregoing gift, viz:

"*Under the will of Margaret Russell (to) the Trustees of the Synod of the "Reformed Presbyterian Church, in trust for the Board of Foreign Missions of "said Church are made the residuary legatees, and the executor is directed to pay "the same to the Treasurer of said Synod.*"

We therefore ask Synod to instruct the Board what disposition in agreemen with the terms of the gift shall be made of this sum and whether the amount received shall be placed on interest for the Endowment Account of the Mission named, or the principal sum be given to Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, for Current expenses of the Mission named.

Seventeenth: The REV. ROBERT SHIELDS BEQUEST. We report as having received from Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, Almonte, Ontario, Can., wife of the decedent, through the Rev. A. J. McFarland, the sum of Six hundred dollars ($600), in cash, upon which sum we are to pay the said Mrs Shields, interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum during her natural life, and at her decease the principal sum is tc be credited as a gift as follows, viz:

To Endowment Fund of Theological Seminary	$ 60.00
To Endowment Fund of Geneva College	2 0.00
	$600.00

This method of safe investment, securing the prompt payment of interest, during the life of a donor, or during the life of any member of a family, or to and during the life of any one else wished to be provided for, the principal sum to be given to and used by the Church at the death of such individual as may be named is growing gradually in favor, and commends itself as a plan to save the risk of loss by bank failures and at the same time place the gift at once in the hands of the Church in such way that distant relatives or parties for whom the money was never intended cannot successfully obtain the same by law after the death of the Testator.

Eighteenth: The MISS MARY J. CAMPBELL BEQUEST. We report having received from the executor of the estate of Miss Mary J. Campbell, Rochester, N. Y., Eleven hundred dollars ($1,100), for the following purposes, viz:

Foreign Mission	$200.00
Home Mission	200.00
Indian Mission	200.00
Jewish Mission	200.00
Southern Mission	200.00
Old Ladies' Home	100.00
	$1,100.00

Agreeably to the will of the decedent we have paid the bequest of One Hundred dollars ($100) to the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association who have charge of the said Old Ladies' Home, the remainder of the bequest may be used either by crediting the respective missions named the sum of Two hundred dollars ($200) each for current use to be applied to the Endowment Account of said Missions.

We ask Synod therefore to decide whether the amounts named shall go to Current or Endowment Accounts.

Nineteenth: The WALTER T. MILLER DONATION. At a meeting of Synod in the year 1886, as stated more fully in our report of last year, Mr. Walter T. Miller, of New York City, gave to the Synod the proceeds to be obtained from a certain tract of land in the State of Alabama; this land having been sold we report having received a *second* payment thereon of One thousand dollars ($1000), also Two hundred and forty dollars ($240) accrued interest on the balance of purchase money. In agreement with the terms upon which this gift was made we have credited the principal sum of One thousand dollars ($1,000) to the Geneva College Endowment Fund, and the two hundred and forty dollars ($240) interest to the Geneva College Current Account.

Twentieth: The MRS. MARY LYON LINGO MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT. We report the disposition and sale of the Church's interest in the estate of Mrs. Mary (Lyon) Lingo, deceased, of Parkston, South Dakota, for the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500), including the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars ($150) previously received. This account, with the interest received, less expenses connected therewith stands at present according to terms of the gift thus, viz:

For "MRS. MARY LYON LINGO MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT" the principal sum	$1,500.00
Interest Account—Interest on same	7.55
	$1,507.55

As this gift to the extent of Fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) comes to us as a "perpetual and everlasting inheritance" and remembrance of the deceased, the interest thereon to be used for "Church Missionary purposes" we ask Synod to decide first as to what mission or missions the annual interest or income thereon shall hereafter be applied to, and second as to what mission shall receive the Seven dollars and fifty-five cents ($7.55) now earned on said Endowment.

Twenty-first: THE DAVID GREGG BEQUEST. This bequest from one who for years was the President of this Board consists, as many of you will remember, of two valuable store buildings in the central business portion of the City of Pittsburg. We regret to report, that owing to one half of the property being vacant for the most part of the past year, the gross income, including an item of $27 retained as a balance, amounts for the past year to but $5,119.00

The taxes, repairs and other expenses on both properties, including $-7 on hand, amounts for the year to 3,076.15

Leaving a net income of.....$2,042 85

which sum has been distributed in the proportions set forth by terms of the gift to the credit of the following objects, viz:

Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Sustentation Fund, Church Erection Fund, Theological Seminary, Southern Mission, Fund for the Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, the Chinese Mission and the Central Allegheny Congregation.

Twenty-second: THE WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND AGED PEOPLE'S HOME of the REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. This institution, now by Charter of incorporation, known legally by name and style as the "REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION," have possession of and occupy a property purchased by and deeded to the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, Old School at a cost of Ten thousand dollars ($10,000), a collection was ordered by Synod last year in the interest of this worthy institution and the debt on this property has been paid in full except a balance of Thirty-five hundred dollars ($3,500) and interest thereon.

The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association, HAVING BEEN IN CONDITION TO DO SO FOR SOME TIME PAST, inform us that they are prepared to pay the remaining debt and interest on this Home property at such time as the Trustees of the Synod by resolution of Synod, instructing them to do so, shall make deed and title free of all incumbrance to their Association of the property. We therefore, in agreement with a promise to do so, ask Synod to instruct this Board by resolution as to making the deed to said Woman's Association.

Twenty-third: THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. To the Seminary which it shall be remembered is endowed but in part, there was voted by Synod last year the usual appropriation of Fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500). The response to this appropriation added to the income from endowment was not sufficient to meet the expense in full for the year to the extent of Three hundred and fifty-five dollars and seventy cents ($355.70.)

The account for the past year may be stated thus, viz:

EXPENSES.

Salaries and expenses paid for the year past $4,248.14

RECEIPTS.

Collections from Congregations, endowment, interest, etc., received during the year 3,892.44

Deficit for the year $3 5 70

The Seminary may be called the heart of the church from whence flows a continued stream without which very soon her pulpits would be silent, and her distant mission fields cease to have their gradually depleted ranks filled by the Sons of the Prophets.

We therefore bespeak for the Seminary liberal contributions for the year to come and ask for the usual appropriation of Fifteen Hundred dollars ($1,500.)

Twenty-fourth: THE INVESTED FUNDS. The sum total of bonds, mortgages, other securities and current funds at the date of this report is Five hundred and thirty thousand and sixty-six dollars and seventy-seven cents ($530,066.77.) The larger part of this sum is invested in the D. Gregg Estate, and in first mortgage loans upon real estate. The largest increase of Endowment receipts during the past year has been to the credit of Geneva College amounting to Twenty-three hundred and sixty-five dollars ($2,365.) The Seminary Endowment received Five hundred and twenty-three dollars and one cent ($523.01), the other schemes but small amounts as shown by the Treasurer's Report.

There has been earned during the year ending May 1st, after deducting all expenses, a sufficient sum to warrant a dividend on invested funds to the extent of five and one-eighth (5 1/8) per cent., at which rate interest has been credited to the Endowment Accounts of Geneva College, Theological Seminary, Foreign Missions, Domestic Mission, and other funds entitled to participate in the net profits.

Twenty-fifth: APPROPRIATIONS. Upon careful consideration, in addition to the recommendation already made in Item 23 of this report, for the Theological Seminary, we ask for the following appropriations, viz:

For Aged Ministers' Fund $1,500.00
For the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers 1,500.00
For the Library Fund, to be divided equally between the College and the Seminary 500.00
For Students' Aid Fund 1,000 00

Twenty-sixth: ELECTION OF TRUSTEES. We report that the term for which Messrs, William Blair, John A. Dodds and Theophilus Sproull were made members of this Board will expire this year. We therefore ask Synod at the present meeting to elect their successors *by ballot* to serve for three years ending June 15th, 1903.

Twenty-Seventh: THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS. The Board, at a recent meeting, appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. S. Mc'Naugher and A. C. Coulter, to audit the accounts of John T. Morton, Treasurer, and also

to examine the bonds, mortgages, and other securities and cash in bank and on hand, and the business set forth in the report of the Treasurer to Synod of the past year, who certify that they have found the same correct.

Twenty-eighth: DELEGATE TO SYNOD. In agreement with Synod's action relative to this Board's representation at Synod we report that John T. Morton has been chosen, with A. C. Coulter alternate to represent the Board at the present meeting of Synod.

That action of Synod may not be overlooked on any of the subjects requiring your direction, and for ready reference of the Committee to which this report shall be referred we give the items requiring attention in brief, viz:

I. As to the form in which the Treasurer's Report shall be made. See Item 11th.

II. As to the disposition of Miss Mattie S. T. Williams bequest. See Item 13th.

III. With reference to the account to which the Arthur T. Kilpatrick bequest shall go to.—See Item 14th.

IV. To decide whether the Annie Melville bequest shall be credited to the Endowment or Current Expense Account of the Mission named. See Item 15th.

V. To give directions as to what disposition according to the will shall be made of the Margaret G. Russell bequest. See Item 16th.

VI. That directions be given as to the use of One thousand dollars ($1,000) of the Mary J. Campbell bequest. See Item 18th.

VII. That action be taken in reference to the Fifteen hundred and seven dollars and fifty-five cents ($1,507.55) from Mrs. Mary Lingo, deceased. See Item 20th.

VIII. That instructions be given in reference to the deed to the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association. See Item 22nd.

IX. That appropriations be made for the Theological Seminary. See Item 23rd, and for other purposes named in Item 25th.

X. That three Trustees be chosen as members of this Board. See Item 26th.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

DANIEL CHESNUT, *Secretary.*

PITTSBURG, PA., May 29, 1900.

STATISTICS OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CONGREGATIONS.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows and Orphans' Fund.	Salary paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous	Total.
Colorado Pres.																										
Evans	J. M. Wylie	Evans, Colo.	5	5	7	2	75†	6	60	30	153	26	105	21	..	....	..	22	21	19	12	2	6	564‡	391	1,342
Denver	T. H. Acheson	515 So. Pearl St., Denver, Colo.	2	3	7	11	54	..	132	30	10	....	25	2	9	....	....	....	39	5	....	....	....	473	352	915
La Junta		D. H. Brown, La Junta, Colo.	4	3	6	2	52	3‖	70	15	37	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	.....	611	669
Seattle	P. J. McDonald	1701 Terry Ave., Seattle, Wash.	4	4	7	2	52	....	147	30	47	47	23	18	20	9	13	14	99	9	10	4	3	521	448	1,285
Oakland, M. S.							12																			
	James Patton	Cannonsburgh, Pa., R. D. No. 2.																								
	J. M. Armour	Seattle, Washington																								
No. of Cong's, 4	No. Ministers, 5	Totals	15	15	27	17	245	9	409	105	247	73	165	41	29	9	13	36	159	42	22	6	9	1,558	1,802	4,211
Illinois Pres.																										
Oakdale	J. C. French	Oakdale, Ill	6	7	15	12	184	5	218	60	125	12	37	14	17	28	7	13	31	24	6	5	6	800	67	1,192
Bloomington	R. M. Blackwood	440 E. 2nd St., Bloomington, Ind.	5	4	8	3	110	4	195a	30	169	44	56	68	34	13	12	20	459	31	25	5	16	800	334	2,086
Princeton	J. G. Reed	Princeton, Ind	5	5	1	6	76	2	100	15	66	10	14	15	27	18	4	5	184	8	10	6	4	750b	45	1,166
Bethel	D. S. Faris	Sparta, Ill	4	3	2	9	55	..	35	17	135	16	39	15	12	4	2	6	4	9	2	4	2	460	135	835
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	4512 McMillan St., St. Louis, Mo.	4	2	8	4	30	1c	22	.....	20	8	13	6	6	3	3	4	7	6	10	5	4	600	58	753
Old Bethel	E. A. Crooks	Houston, Ill	7	6	9	17	154	8	100	25	89	32	94	29	25	21	5	13	7	19	9	7	2	675	263	1,290
Church Hill	E. G. Elsey	Coulterville, Ill	*8	4	....		105			25														500		500
Selma	S. Kingston, S. S.	Selma, Ala	*4	4	...	....	103	....	43																	
Stauton	M. A. Gault	1139 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.	*2	2	...	...	25	....																		
No. of Cong's, 9	No. Ministers, 9	Totals	45	37	43	51	842	20	913	172	604	122	253	147	121	87	33	61	692	97	62	32	34	4,575	902	7,822
Iowa Pres.																										
Chicago		J. C. McCandless, 6536 Ingleside Ave.	3	3	4	7	32	....	50	12	5	....	30	....	....	....	..	....	.....	2		....	....	.....	585	622
Hickory Grove		D. C. Nichol, Albia, Ia.	2	2	2	...	29	5	50	.....	57	7	47	29	4	3	2	5	4	5	3	4	3	.....	284	457
Hopkinton	Louis Meyer	Hopkinton, Iowa	4	3	2	1	107	2	78	25	202	45	68	55	21	14	6	14	13	22	13	9	7	.....	997	1,486
Lake Reno		J. L. Ewing, Glenwood, Min.	4	3	4	1	110	6	126	25	95	20	43	25	23	21	2	10	2	59	5	2	5	625	485	1,422
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Morning Sun, Iowa	5	5	16	10	156	5	145	35	311§	44	265	107	65	21	14	20	20	....	15	16	14	1,000	652	2,564
Rehoboth	J. A. Black	Wyman, Iowa	3	4	2	9	56	1	50	25	192	51	132	52	40	13	6	12	11	34	5	9	9	700	213	1,479
Sharon	T. P. Robb	Linton, Iowa	6	5	3	14	220	9	172	40	447	57	73	66	61	45	14	28	98	37	27	14	10	1,000	663	2,640
Vernon	Isaiah Faris	Vernon, Wis	2	..	....	5	55	1	83	.....	88	26	22	19	22	12	5	13	5	16	20	7	8	465	1 0	828
Washington	W. C. Allen	Washington, Iowa	4	3	3	4	59	....	40	.....	57	14	5	34	32	....	2	....	.....	24	....	4	1	671	179	1,023
No. of Cong's, 9	No. Ministers, 6	Totals	33	28	36	51	824	29	794	162	1,454	264	685	387	268	129	51	102	153	199	88	65	57	4,461	4,158	12,521

†Error of 3 last years. ‖2 adults. ‡For 8 months. a. This Includes 80 in misson S. S. b. $600 and parsonage. c. Adult. *Last year's report. §Financial statement is for 1899.

Kansas Pres.																										
Beulah	J. S. McGaw	Mt. Clare, Neb.	4	3	15	....	79	2	100	40	8	4	21	4	3	2	4	3	202	8	3	2	1	309	160	734
Clarinda	J. W. Dill	Clarinda, Ia.	6	7	12	*11	180	6	210	80	132	35	63	166	69	25	12	a51	18	16	21	11	13	800	562	1,994
Dennison	S. R. Wallace	Holton, Kas. (Box 197)	6	6	18	4	104	4	95	20	103	28	60	10	12	12	4	6	6	15	9	3	4	490	242	1,004
Eskridge	James McCune	Eskridge, Kas.	6	3	11	20	69	....	80	.. .	23	3	8	....	5	....	1	3	3	2	4	5	3	559	202	821
Hebron	W. S. Fulton	Idana, Kas.	3	4	12	10	80	1	125	40	54	15	16	13	...	....	3	....	50	17	8	4	6	426	275	887
Holmwood	R. A. Paden, S.S.	Gregory, Kas	4	4	..	....	35	2	50	20	10	3	15	3		2	2	3	2	....	....	....	....	300	23	365
Kansas City	A. J. McFarland	1823 Penn Av., Kansas City, Mo.	3	3	8	4	53	4	65	40	40	....	23	10	10	....	....	1	35	....	....	....	....	b715	272	1,106
Long Branch		J. H. Walkinshaw, Blanchard, Ia.	6	3	13	5	118	5	130	31	75	....	47	....	....	14	...	5	7	20	10	....	6	.. ..	661	846
Olathe	G. A. Edgar	Olathe, Kas.	6	6	6	11	152	1	160	20	372	210	139	25	88	22	11	23	36	35	32	12	12	900	460	2,377
Quinter	Geo. R. McBurney, S.S.	Quinter, Kas.	4	4	1	2	36	2	40	30	7	7	7	3	5	3	1	3	77	3	4	1	2	130	18	271
Sterling	T. J. Allen	Sterling, Kas.	7	4	..	2	80	6	112	60	65	24	79	49	25	15	8	5	39	7	6	6	5	656	298	1,287
Superior	S. J. Johnston	Superior, Neb.	3	1	7	4	43	1	50	25	21	17	6	6	14	3	2	7	4	1	8	2	1	207	162	461
Tabor	S. M. Stevenson	Idana, Kas.	4	3	....	.	60	....	100	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	50	180
Topeka	H. P. McClurkin, S.S.	912 W. 12th St., Topeka, Kas.	4	..	3	2	49	2	60	....	18	3	22	3	3	1	1	5	1	4	2	2	1	238	139	443
Wahoo		John Birnie, Wahoo, Neb.	3	3	4	7	40	1	54	14	10	7	15	4	4	6	4	9	9	8	4	10	3	215	55	363
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	Winchester, Kas.	6	4	1	11	213	5	146	30	226	59	190	47	53	17	20	44	30	30	16	5	9	960	417	2,063
Cache Creek, M.S.	W. W. Cairthers	Ft. Sill, Okla, Ty		..	5	1	60	5	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. B. Dodds	Suadia, Syria	..	..	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Littlejohn	Kirksville, Mo	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Elmer McBurney	Canton, China	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. R. W. Stevenson	New Plymouth, Idaho	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. Ralston Wilie	College Springs	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. C. Paden	Wahoo, Neb.	..	.	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 16	No. Ministers, 21	Totals	75	58	119	94	1,451	47	1,652	450	1,164	415	711	343	291	122	73	168	519	166	129	63	66	6,975	3,997	15,202
Lakes Pres.																										
Belle Centre		John Mitchell, Belle Centre, O.	3	..	7	30	32	....	40	.....	39	20	11	....	3	....	....	2	.....	....	....	2	3	182	165	427
Bellefontaine		S. H. McLean, Bellefontaine, O.	6	..	....	7	33	.....	.....	.....	48	24	24	7	7	3	....	5	.....	....	....	....	3	250	60	428
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson	Cedarville, Ohio	3	3	3	2	51	1	50	25	79	18	42	14	9	7	8	22	15	25	15	4	6	600	197	1,061
Cedar Lake	C. McLeod Smith	Ray, Indiana [natti, Ohio	5	4	17	4	137	c7	159	40	74	7	36	21	15	10	10	12	1,315	17	3	8	7	716	254	2,505
Cincinnati		W. J. Poole, 424 Elizabeth St., Cincin-	2	4	2	2	61	....	122	27	37	5	14	7	4	5	6	5	6	14	7	3	3	1,164	596	1,876
Fair Grove	T. C. Sproull, S.S.	Fair Grove, Mich.	3	4	1	.	52	....	70	12	43	....	31	5	....	....	....	3	3	....	3	2	3	300	27	420
Southfield	J. McCracken	Box 221 Birmingham, Mich.	5	6	....	6	99	....	80	30	137	19	66	14	15	....	6	10	165	....	10	6	5	232	117	1,102
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Northwood, Ohio	6	6	3	2	130	5	110	30	146	37	96	44	28	28	10	29	17	11	18	7	5	800	69	1,345
.....	P. P. Boyd	Belle Centre, Ohio	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 8	No. Ministers, 6	Totals	33	27	33	53	595	13	631	164	603	127	320	112	81	53	40	88	1,521	67	56	32	35	4,544	1,485	9,164
N. Brunswick and Nova Scotia Pres.																										
Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	1	..	8	5	78	c4	35	.....	106	12	22	4	4	7	2	2	2	1	1	4	4	400	115	686
Saint John	W. T. K. Thompson	398 Main Street, St. John, N. B.	3	‡5	5	3	30	3	26	12	40	13	8	6	8	7	2	6	4	....	5	2	2	600	212	915
Barnesville	" "	" "	3	‡6	....	3	37	1	30	.....	9		8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	200	57	274
No. of Cong's, 3	No. Ministers, 2	Totals	7	11	13	11	145	8	91	12	155	25	38	10	12	14	4	8	6	1	6	6	6	1,200	384	1,875

* 4 certified to form mission sta. in Idaho. *a* $20 not credited last year. *b* $215 back salary. *c* 3 adults. ‡ Trustees.

New York Pres.																											
First Boston	Sam'l McNaugher.	42 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass.	6	7	7	19	259	7	125	60	207	....	86	10	....	23	....	.....	323	20	....	....	....	1,600	1,741	4,010
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	44 S. Russell St., Boston, Mass.	3	4	6	6	120	10	90	.....	100	23	12	24	21	18	15	.....	950	350	25	5	5	1,500	1,250	4,298
Bovina	T. M. Slater	Bovina Centre, N. Y.	5	3	2	4	80	1	65	18	157	52	41	19	23	69	6	31	526	20	23	7	5	678	157	1,814
Brooklyn	W. M. George	633 Madison St., B'klyn. N. Y.	5	4	8	4	49	....	78	27	78	23	38	23	45	19	7	28	23	23	19	7	7	800	512	1,652
Cambridge	S. G. Shaw	45 Antrim St., Cambridge, Mass.	3	5	4	1	75	....	103	50	22	....	13	42	6	15	12	12	334	.....	.....	.....	....	1,300	†891	2,647
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Coldenham, Orange Co., N. Y.	6	4	6	3	68	....	60	.....	26	3	6	....	6	6	....	.....	.....	8	5	1	....	600	215	876
Kortright	.....	Wm. Orr, Stamford, N. Y.	3	2	....	1	28	..	20	.....	29	8	6	....	8	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	207	34	296
First Newburgh	J. W. F. Carlisle.	284 Liberty St., Newburgh, N.Y.	*2	3	....	....	182	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Newburgh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y.	*3	3	....	....	190	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., New York, N.Y.	6	8	14	26	280	9	334	32	5,813	270	1,515	225	....	200	76	1,750	203	1,660	71	71	...	3,000	5,142	19,996
Third New York	F. M. Foster	341 W. 29th St., New York, N.Y.	5	4	20	16	201	9	230	50	484	32	103	42	28	19	12	35	1,012	72	39	15	18	2,500	2,697	7,108
Fourth New York	.....	Robert McAfee, 55 Ann St., N. Y. City	3	4	3	3	50	2	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800	1,726	2,526
Walton	R. C. Reed	Walton, N. Y.	5	6	1	1	100	2	90	20	60	22	32	30	5	50	....	5	.....	9	....	9	4	800	312	1,338
West Hebron	T. A. McElwain	West Hebron, N. Y.	3	2	2	1	37	1	36	21	30	5	20	9	6	4	3	6	4	6	7	5	5	350	148	608
White Lake	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, Sullivan Co., N.Y.	3	2	....	3	50	....	.....	.....	34	11	.....	....	3	38	....	5	10	.....	.	6	....	554	79	740
.....	T. A. Rusk	160 W. 35th St., New York, N.Y.	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. I. Robb	Canton, China	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	G. P. Raitt	Newburgh, N. Y.	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 15	No. Ministers, 16	Totals	61	61	73	88	1,769	41	1,301	278	7,040	449	1,872	424	151	465	131	1,872	3,385	2,168	189	126	44	14,689	14,904	47,909
Ohio Pres.																											
Jonathan's Creek	J. C. Slater	White Cottage, Ohio	3	1	6	3	37	....	65	.....	44	23	22	23	20	7	5	22	40	5	14	7	6	500	116	854
Londonderry	P. H. Wylie	Londonderry, Ohio	4	..	....	3	41	....	47	.....	26	5	.....	6	5	11	....	.....	5	14	....	.....	....	253	45	374
Mansfield	E. M. Coleman, S.S	Jas. Reynolds, Mansfield, Ohio	2	2	....	....	35	....	22	13	.....	....	5	....	5	.....	...	5	.....	1	.....	.....	....	a163	76	250
Musk'm & Tomica	.....	J. Robinson, Frazeysburg, Ohio	3	..	....	..	20	....	6	.....	7	4	3	4	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	a157	50	245
New Concord	A. A. Samson	New Concord, Ohio	3	3	6	4	87	....	62	25	58	16	41	14	14	5	3	41	256	13	6	2	2	500	197	1,136
North Salem	.....	W. P. Adams, Sugar Tree, Ohio	2	..	....	....	8	....	.....	.....	7	5	8	7	4	2	1	8	12	10	1	.....	..	a 30	.....	88
Utica	J. S. Thompson	Utica, Ohio	3	5	2	7	82	4	65	34	148	20	37	47	45	7	8	37	7	10	13	8	6	640	239	1,248
.....	R. B. Cannon	6453 Evans Ave., Chicago, Ill.	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Middle Wheeling, M. S.	P. H. Wylie, S. S.	Jas. Orr, Roney's Point, W. Va.	1	..	....	1	15	....	.....	.....	68	5	20	24	13	...	....	20	.....	.....	..	....	..	a100	24	260
No. of Cong's, 7	No. Ministers, 5	Totals	21	11	14	18	325	4	267	72	358	78	136	125	109	34	18	59	322	55	36	19	16	2,343	747	4,455
Philadelphia Pres.																											
Baltimore	.....	J. M. Smith, 227 Chestnut Av., Baltimore	3	..	....	10	21	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Phila	T. P. Stevenson	1233 South 47th St., Phila	4	5	7	7	180	5	132	70	266	77	112	56	49	29	19	9	11	39	6	7	5	2,000	1,800	4,485
Second Phila	J. C. McFeeters	1511 Christian St., Phila	5	..	8	14	266	6	177	31	744	163	118	57	79	54	13	21	118	116	16	11	12	2,000	1,339	4,861
Third Phila	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna St., Phila.	7	7	4	12	151	5	140	65	430	75	160	83	44	31	11	19	96	32	18	8	6	1,600	1,951	4,564
Conococheague M. S	.....	James D. Kennedy, Green Castle, Pa.	1	..	....	1	17	....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	48	211
.....	W. M. Hunter	623 High St., Williamsp't, Pa.	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	N. R. Johnson	120 S. Broadway, Baltimore, Md	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. W. Johnson	Northwood, Ohio	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	E. F. Sherman	Elwood, N. J.	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	F. Slater	Cedar Run, N. J.	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 4	No. Ministers, 8	Totals	20	12	19	44	635	16	449	166	1,441	316	391	197	173	115	44	50	226	188	41	27	24	5,750	5,138	14,121

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Pittsburgh Pres.																													
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	Boyle St., Allegheny, Pa.	4	..	11	8	118	1	125	20	277	56	557	69	320	28	29	82	322	56	97	30	18	1,600	1,053	4,594
Bear Run & Mahening		Jas. Graham, Sidney, Pa.	4	..	6	....	40	5	32	.....	49	15	27	15	46	5	5	5	400	....	32	....	5	376	50	1,030
Beaver Falls			5	7	4	13	97	1	250	.. ..	.....	9	13	5	27	3	....	....	130	6	4	1	2	757	428	1,405
Brookl'd & Manchester		H. S. Steele, Ingleside, Pa.	2	2	....	10	30	1	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	122 E. North Ave., Allegheny	..	..	7	15	192	5	500	200	37	35	350	20	65	2	....	3	453	3	1	4	4	2,000	600	4,060
Clarksburg		Rob't Henry, Clarksburg, Pa.	2	2	.....	.....	24	....	12	. ..	520	....	8	.....	.....	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	120	160
College Hill	R. H. Martin	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.	5	5	8	....	72	2	195	68	25	45	20	19	19	3	5	9	302	54	4	2	4	800	461	1,836
East End	D. C. Martin	401 N. Highland Ave., Pittsb'gh	*4	1	.....	.....	53	.....	.....	.....	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Geneva	H. G. Foster	Beaver Falls, Pa	7	4	5	5	121	....	278	.....	.....	107	151	76	235	23	19	67	36	13	155	14	9	1,100	492	2,765
Little Beaver	J. R. Wylie	New Galilee	4	5	....	4	86	2	50	23	268	11	33	18	29	9	..	12	12	54	9	5	5	800	151	1,227
McKeesp't & Monon'la	B. M. Sharp	329 Penny Av., McKeesport, Pa.	3	1	9	5	60	3	40	.....	79	5	41	4	25	4	4	5	6	133	13	4	4	482	573	1,349
Mercer and Adamsville	W. J. McKnight	Mercer, Pa	3	4	....	9	82	3	45	.....	46	9	51	59	59	5	7	20	5	2	14	4	5	425	149	860
Middletown	" " S.S.	R. J. McCracken, Shira, Pa.	*3	..	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	Venice, Pa	3	..	4	2	58	3	59	.....	.....	299	178	132	74	22	9	35	29	29	24	9	9	700	793	2,812
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa	5	2	2	4	138	7	131	.....	470	64	139	48	29	23	19	45	29	38	46	13	13	900	308	1,972
New Castle	J. S. Martin	69 Oak Ave., New Castle, Pa.	4	8	16	5	204	a8	400	55	258	19	155	73	49	47	3	12	743	34	8	8	11	1,100	550	2,991
North Union	F. M. Wilson	Youngstown, Ohio	3	3	5	1	36	1	25	.....	179	....	32	....	16	...	....	7	.....	30	....	.....	....	350	98	583
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	405 Park Ave., Warren, Ohio	2	3	....	10	22	2	40	.....	50	....	4	20	....	...	....	....	50	...	....	....	5	150	300	559
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	2	..	6	....	25	....	25	...	30	1	.....	1	1	....	....	1	130	2	....	....	....	117	8	264
Union	" "	"	4	4	4	2	72	....	112	.....	3	3	26	5	42	3	1	6	130	14	5	6	3	355	168	822
Parnassus	J. S. Duncan	Parnassus, Pa	3	1	3	2	74	1	50	.....	55	39	43	27	126	28	24	87	190	30	92	14	21	900	b361	2,249
Pittsburg	D. McAllister	65 Linden Ave., Allegheny, Pa.	5	5	16	16	235	10	334	87	337	9	80	31	229	5	1	1	34	148	2	1	50	2,500	2800	6,211
Rehoboth			*2	..	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	320	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem		Robert Campbell, Baxter, Pa.	*2	..	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Slippery Rock	J. R. Latimer	Rose Point, Pa	6	2	11	5	70	3	84	.....	79	7	20	5	38	9	3	8	8	5	8	6	5	500	163	864
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie	South Av., Station D, Pitts, Pa.	*5	.	.....	.....	139	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Youngstown			..	..	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centreville, M. S.	J. R. Latimer, S.S.	H. R. Blair, Keister, Pa.	..	..	.....	.....	15	....	12	.....	17	....	16	....	5	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	98
.....	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa.	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. R. Baird	Indiana, Pa.	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. F. Crozier		..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	C. A. Dodds		..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	H. Easson	Larnaca, Cyprus	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. C. K. Faris	Beaver Falls, Pa	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	John Galbraith	Mars, Pa	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	H. H. George		..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. George	Arch St, Allegheny, Pa.	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. P Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Geo. Kennedy	" "	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. J. McFarland	" "	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. J. McClurkin	New Alexandria, Pa	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. L. McCartney	Lake Shore, Mich.	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. McIsaac	Selma, Ala	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wisconsin	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	D. J. Shaw	New Alexandria, Pa	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	D. B. Willson	Buena Vista St., Allegheny, Pa.	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	E. M. Coleman		..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 27	No. Ministers, 39	Totals	92	59	117	116	2,169	58	2,799	453	3,254	733	1,944	627	1,434	222	133	405	3,009	651	444	124	176	15,972	9,626	38,754

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Rochester Pres.																												
Almonte	.....	.....	.....	4	2	....	3	56	3	73	.....	160	12	29	20	7	76	4	20	11	7	9	5	6	500	219	1,085
Lisbon	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1	11	48	1	35	20	32	7	22	5	6	53	3	3	79	7	11	4	5	531†	190	958
Lochiel	Charles Clyde	Brodie, Ontario		3	2	....	....	32	1	24	....	20	10	19	12	100	3	3	10	6	7	8	3	3	400*	179	783
Sterling	.....	.....	.....	2	3	....	5	32	....	32	.....	65	18	36	15	8	8	5	26	35	10	7	7	5	700	162	1,107
Syracuse	G. M. Robb	204 Lafayette av., Syracuse, N.Y.		4	4	6	6	67	4	96	45	109	10	28	16	13	15	4	11	9	2	14	7	2	536	340	1,116
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y.		4		3	4	106	2	60	20	84	18	54	21	15	9	4	10	9	14	11	9	7	800†	389	1,454
.....	Wm. McFarland	1505 Midland Av., Syracuse, N.Y.										.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Faris	Sterling, N. Y.										.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 6	No. Ministers, 5	Totals		19	13	10	29	341	11	320	85	470	75	188	89	149	164	23	80	149	47	60	35	28	3,467	1,479	6,503
Vermont Pres.																												
Barnet	D. C. Faris	West Barnet, Vermont		4	3	6	1	53	....	90	....	63	17	23	10	57	10	5	13	9	13	7	5	7	484	107	820
Craftsbury	J. C. Taylor	East Craftsbury, Vermont		4	1	..	2	58	3	100	50	92	10	60	29	42	6	5	2	2	10	7	6	5	475	159	907
Ryegate	.....	Duncan Ritchie, Bottonville, Vt		3	1	....	2	23	....	.....	.....	43	9	13	8	7	3	18	6	2	7	5	....	....	.....	96	217
No. of Cong's. 3	No. Ministers, 2	Totals		11	5	6	5	134	3	190	50	198	36	96	47	106	19	28	21	13	30	17	10	12	949	362	1,944

* And Manse. † Including Manse.

SUMMARY.

Presbyteries.	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
N. Brunswick & N. Scotia	3	2	7	11	13	11	145	8	91	12	155	25	38	10	12	14	4	8	6	1	6	6	6	1,200	384	1,875
Iowa	9	6	33	28	36	51	824	29	794	162	1,454	264	685	387	268	129	51	102	153	199	88	65	57	4 461	4,158	12,521
Lakes	8	6	33	27	33	53	595	13	631	164	603	127	320	112	81	53	40	88	1,521	67	56	32	35	4,544	1,485	9,164
Kansas	16	21	75	58	119	94	1,451	47	1,652	450	1,164	415	711	343	291	122	73	168	519	166	129	63	66	6,975	3,997	15,202
Pittsburg	27	39	92	59	117	116	2,169	58	2,799	453	3,254	733	1,944	627	1,434	222	133	405	3,009	651	448	124	176	15,972	9,296	38,754
Ohio	7	5	21	11	14	18	325	4	267	72	358	78	136	125	109	34	18	59	322	55	36	19	16	2,343	747	4,455
Colorado	4	5	15	15	27	17	245	9	409	105	247	73	165	41	29	9	13	36	159	42	22	6	9	1,558	1,802	4,211
Vermont	3	2	11	5	6	5	134	3	190	50	198	36	96	47	106	19	28	21	13	30	17	10	12	949	362	1,944
Philadelphia	4	8	20	12	19	44	635	16	449	166	1,441	316	391	197	173	115	44	50	226	188	41	27	24	5,780	5,138	14,121
Rochester	6	5	19	13	10	29	341	11	320	85	470	75	188	89	149	164	23	80	149	47	60	35	28	3,467	1,479	6,503
New York	15	16	61	61	73	88	1,769	41	1,301	278	7,040	449	1,872	424	151	465	131	1,872	3,385	2,168	189	126	44	14,689	14,904	47,909
Syrian Commission	22	.....	.....	.....	43	27	327	.....	633	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254	254
Illinois	9	9	45	37	43	51	842	20	913	172	604	122	253	147	121	87	33	61	692	97	62	32	34	4,575	902	7,822
Totals	113	121	432	337	553	604	9,802	259	10,449	2,169	16,988	2,713	6,799	2,549	2,924	1,433	591	2,950	10,154	3 711	1,150	545	507	66 483	45,238	164,735

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